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This Kids Count data book provides statistics on the well-being of children in Louisiana. Data are provided for the state as a whole and for each of Louisiana's 64 parishes. An introduction summarizes findings for 1999, and a final section summarizes trends in the data over the past several years. Indicators used in the report to measure child well-being are: (1) population; (2) poverty; (3) employment and income (median family income, percent and number unemployed); (4) children receiving aid from Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), Medicaid, food stamps, Women Infants and Children (WIC) program, child care assistance, and FINDWORK child care; (5) maternal and child health (percent births to teens, percent low birth weight, percent women receiving adequate prenatal care, infant mortality rate, immunization rates); (6) children in trouble (children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development, crimes against property, crimes against persons); (7) child abuse and neglect (physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, children in foster care); and (8) public education (registration, per pupil expenditure, teacher salary, exceptional children program, dropout rates). (EV)

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# ***The Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children...***

## **Introduction**

provides comprehensive parish-by-parish data on the status of children in our state. It is produced by Agenda for Children as part of the national Kids Count initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The Casey Foundation also publishes the national *Kids Count Data Book*, which provides a state-by-state profile of child well-being and ranks the states on the condition of their children and families. It is perhaps no longer surprising that Louisiana consistently finds itself at or near the bottom of these rankings every year. This still makes the news, however, because Louisianians *do* care about how well, or how poorly, our children are doing.

On the eve of the new millenium, we propose looking at what we want for Louisiana's children and assessing how we can make our vision real. We want to look forward to what we *can* be. The question raised by the data is: "What will it take to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive?" Then we must ask ourselves: "How can we make it happen?"

The right combination of incentives, investments, and opportunities can improve conditions throughout the state in ways that support families and help more children overcome the odds. We know that strong, nurturing families are the foundation from which strong,

healthy children emerge. We also know that strong, nurturing families tend to emerge from strong, healthy communities supported by family-friendly public policies. Investing in child care and basic health care, for example, represent policy decisions that can provide basic building blocks for a healthy future. A few dollars in after school programs, a solid education, and safe streets are a lot cheaper, socially and economically, than building more prisons and locking children up for the rest of their lives. That's the bottom line. It's the best investment we can make in the next century, and perhaps the only one that truly counts.

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## Indicators

### Population

The Census Bureau provides estimates of the population. Only during the decennial census is an actual count attempted. In the intervening years estimates are made based on samples. The figures in this book are estimates of the total population, the population of all children under age 20, and the number of young children under age 5.

Overall, Louisiana's population has remained relatively stable, growing only slightly from 4,350,579 in 1996 to 4,351,769 in 1998. Children constitute 31% of the population of the state. This exceeds the national rate of 25% in 1998, down from a national high of 36% at the end of the 'baby boom.' (Federal Inter-agency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, 1999).

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### Poverty

While the prosperity of the nation has increased on the whole in the last 20 years, poverty rates among children remain staggeringly high at 20%. This is particularly noteworthy given the tremendous economic growth the nation has experienced, evidenced by unprecedented highs in the stock market and unprecedented lows in unemployment. Despite the enormous wealth of the United States, our children poverty rate is among the highest in industrialized nations.

Child poverty is linked to a host of negative outcomes for children related to health, delinquency, academic success and future earning potential. While many children who live in poverty do not suffer these negative outcomes as they grow up and other

children who do not live in poverty do suffer them, the link is irrefutable.

Louisiana retains the dubious distinction of being at the bottom of this bottom with a child poverty rate of 31.3%. Among the parishes this ranges from a low of 16.3% poverty among children in St. Tammany Parish to an unconscionable high of 62% poverty among children in East Carroll Parish. St. Charles, Cameron, Livingston and Ascension join St. Tammany with the lowest child poverty rates. Richland, Madison, Orleans and Tensas join East Carroll with the highest rates.

Children of color are over-represented in the poverty statistics. The 1990 Census (the latest period for which these figures are available) reported the poverty rate of African American children at 56.5%, compared to 15.4% for white children in Louisiana. Children of color tend to live in poor areas and thus go to poor schools. Children of color and their parents face racial discrimination in hiring and housing, bank

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loans and business deals, promotions and perceptions, and all the various privileges that lead to an adequacy of resources.

In 1998, 58% of Louisiana children were white, 40% African American, and 2% other races. This compares to 1998 U.S. rates in which 65% of children were white, 15% were African American, 15% were Hispanic, 4% were Asian/Pacific Islander, & 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native in 1998.

#### *How Poverty is Measured*

The federal government's official poverty index is used to classify income as above or below the poverty line. The poverty level, created in 1964, was computed by using as a yardstick the minimum amount of money believed necessary to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. This price was then multiplied by three to obtain a poverty threshold. A family is officially classified as poor if its cash income (wages, pensions, social security benefits and all other forms of cash income) falls below the poverty threshold. The poverty income thresholds are updated each year for inflation (as reflected in the Consumer Price Index.)

There is much debate on whether this methodology can accurately determine which families are in fact "poor." Many suggest that it produces an unrealistically low threshold (\$15,569 for a family of 4 in 1995, the year of the data presented in this book). There are families with wage earners whose incomes may in fact ex-

ceed the official poverty level but who still have difficulty meeting the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and health care for their families.

The data presented in this book are the most current available poverty estimates at the parish level. These data are estimates, and as such it is important to point out there is a certain amount of variability inherent in producing them. This is taken into consideration by producing a range within which the actual number will fall – known as a confidence level. These poverty estimates are produced at the 90% confidence level. This means that we can be 90% confident that the actual number: "Percent of children in poverty" is within the range, or confidence interval indicated.

#### *Employment and Income*

Louisiana's unemployment rate has reached a record low. The statewide average in April 1999 was 4.7%, compared to 6.8% in January 1997, as reported in the *1996 Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children*.

Median family income varies widely from parish to parish in Louisiana. The average median income in Louisiana is \$28,000, ranging from a high of \$43,600 in the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area to a low of \$16,500 in East Carroll Parish.

#### *Children Receiving*

The items in this category include the major public benefits programs providing assistance to children.

#### *FITAP (Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program)*

In January of 1997, sweeping changes in the laws governing "welfare" – cash assistance to needy families – took effect. The federal government passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act in 1996, eliminating the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) entitlement program that had existed for 60 years and replacing it with TANF, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Louisiana's legislature also enacted changes in the way the state offers assistance to poor families which come together with the new federal policies in the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP).

The number of children receiving assistance through FITAP has decreased significantly compared to the number who received assistance under the AFDC program. Statewide, 97,663 children were receiving assistance through FITAP in fiscal year 1998, compared to 156,392 on AFDC in fiscal year 1996.

While proponents of welfare reform inter-

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pret these figures as a sign of success, others point to the fact that dwindling welfare rolls are not necessarily an indication of family well-being or even self-sufficiency, the assumed goal of the reform efforts. Families leaving welfare have reported giving up their own residences and moving in with other relatives to make ends meet, working odd hours and night shifts which make child care arrangements difficult or impossible, and other scenarios which continue to make "self-sufficiency" an elusive goal. These issues and their impact on children's development and well being are not reflected in the numbers that show only that fewer families are represented on the welfare rolls.

Research efforts to track what is happening to families as they leave are underway, but are still quite limited. Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) has conducted limited research on families leaving welfare in New Orleans. While these findings were meant to tell only what is happening with the families contacted and not to be generalized to the entire population of those leaving welfare, they are nonetheless telling.

Of the 349 families formerly receiving welfare who were contacted by SUNO, 21% left welfare for paid work, 40% were sanctioned off of the program because of non-compliance with the rules and 15% reported leaving because of finding

another source of income (primarily Social Security Income - SSI). The mean income of the people who were employed full-time was only \$800 per month. Given that the poverty level for a family of 3 is \$1,094 per month, these families are clearly struggling.

Also not reflected in the figures on cash assistance are figures on child support. The failure on the part of an absent parent to contribute to the support of children is a major factor contributing to a family's need for public assistance. There is still substantial room for improvement in moving child support cases through the enforcement and collection process. In Louisiana in fiscal year 1998, only 43.5% of child support cases have orders for collection established (though this is higher than the average of 38.7% in fiscal year 1996.) The rest of the cases are awaiting some type of action to collect what is owed by absent parents to their children.

If we are indeed interested in strong, healthy families and the well-being of children relative to these sweeping and still relatively new changes in public policy, we need more data pointing to outcomes for children and their families - which is the ultimate question behind the drop in numbers.

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#### Medicaid

Medicaid is the key source of health insurance for poor fami-

lies and their children. While other forms of public assistance to families and children have shrunk, eligibility for Medicaid has expanded, and now covers some children in families with income above the official poverty line.

Access to health care is a significant factor in a family's ability to sustain itself financially. For some families receiving cash assistance, the medical card that came with it was then the most compelling reason to stay on welfare. It was not unheard of for a family to receive a welfare check of only \$1 per month - the true value of which was the medical card that came along with it. One of the biggest hindrances to a parent leaving welfare for a low wage job has been the threat of losing access to health care services for their children.

Access to health care involves both the availability of a regular source of care and the ability to pay for it. Children with health insurance are much more likely than children without insurance to have a regular and accessible source of health care - a particular person or place a child goes for sick and preventive care.

Policy makers have begun to address this with CHIP - the Children's Health Insurance Program. CHIP was created by Congress and offers a high rate of federal matching funds to states that offer health insurance coverage for children of working families with low wages and no other health care coverage.





In Louisiana, this has taken the form of an expansion of Medicaid and is known as "LaCHIP." LaCHIP became effective in November of 1998 and currently is offered to children up to age 18 with family incomes up to 33% above the poverty line. (\$21,888 for a family of 4). In its 1999 session, the Louisiana Legislature approved expansion of eligibility to 50% above the poverty line, effective October 1999, and up to twice the rate of poverty in the following year, though the details of this phase are still to be determined.

This is welcome news for the more than 1 in 4 children in the state who lack health insurance. It should be noted that there is still no help for low income working adults (including parents) who need health care. The immediate challenge, however, is to enroll the eligible children. Many families leaving welfare are operating on assumptions of the old rules governing these programs: not knowing their children may still be eligible for a medical card after they leave welfare. Other families, including those at the higher end of these income guidelines – may have never before been eligible for such assistance and not know that it is available to them.

For these reasons, extensive outreach and enrollment efforts are underway throughout the state to sign children up for LaCHIP. The state has also streamlined and simplified the application process to encourage families to sign their children up for health insurance. In fact, Louisiana has been cited as a model among states in these efforts.

In the months since its inception, the state has met its goals for enrolling not only children newly eligible under LaCHIP guidelines, but also those children previously eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled. The Medicaid figure in this book is a snapshot of children enrolled in Medicaid and LaCHIP in March of 1999.

#### **Food Stamps and WIC**

Access at all times to a diet sufficient in nutrients and calories is a fundamental measure of child well being. The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics reports that there are "food insecure households" with and without hunger. "Food insecure households without hunger" report difficulty obtaining enough food, inadequate diets, anxiety about their food supply, and increased need for emergency food sources, but do not report actual hunger to any significant degree. However, "food insecure households with moderate and severe hunger" report increasing difficulty obtaining food and decreased food intakes. In 1997, 11.3% of U.S. children, and 26.8% or poor children lived in households experiencing food insecurity without hunger, while 4.2% of U.S. children lived in households experiencing food insecurity with moderate or severe hunger.

While we do not have parish or state level data indicating how many children and families fall into the "food insecure" categories, we do know that in FY 1998, 232,548 children were in families who depended on food stamps for at least a part of their access to food supply and 157,977 infants and children received basic nutrition services through WIC (Women, Infants, and Children program).

#### **Child Care**

Participation in an early childhood education program can provide preschoolers with skills and enrichment that can increase their chances of success in school. For working parents, access to child care is fundamental to their ability to secure and maintain employment outside of the home. While access to good quality, affordable child care is an issue for all working parents, it is especially challenging for those who have limited resources to pay for it. Low wage families, including those leaving welfare for the workforce, can have particular difficulty finding and paying for child care and consequently maintaining their jobs.

The Child Care Assistance program is designed to help families in this situation. 19,891 children receive child care assistance; another 14,302 receive it as part

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of welfare reform. In past years we have reported the number of children on the waiting list to receive Child Care Assistance. Happily there is no waiting list at the time these figures were collected due to the fact that additional funds were allocated to child care.

There are additional challenges facing families who need child care, especially those with limited resources. The first is the quality of care available. Louisiana's licensing regulations are weak and the payment rate available through Child Care Assistance is correspondingly low, at \$65 per week or less. It is usually impossible to find child care during non-traditional working hours or for the time it takes to search for a job. Families also find a gap of a month or more between securing a job and being certified for Child Care Assistance. Care for a sick child is virtually unavailable. Many parents in tenuous employment or part-time work lose their jobs when they or their children become ill.

## Maternal and Child Health

### Live Births

The number of births in Louisiana has increased slightly from 65,574 in 1995 to 65,947 in 1997.

### Births to Teens

Of the 65,947 babies born in Louisiana 18.1% – or 11,936 –

are to mothers between the ages of 15-19. Bearing a child during adolescence is associated with long term difficulties for the mother, the child and society.

Most teen mothers are unmarried, have not completed high school and are unable to financially support their children. Babies born to teen parents also face a number of risks. Because teen parents have fewer career and educational opportunities, their children are more likely to suffer the effects of poverty.

Among the 64 parishes, teen births as a percentage of all births range from a low of 12.3% in St. Tammany Parish to a high of 31.8% in Tensas Parish. Along with St. Tammany, the lowest teen birth rates are found in Ascension, St. James, Lafayette, and St. Bernard parishes. Along with Tensas Parish, the highest rates are found in Morehouse, Catahoula, Concordia, and Winn parishes.

### Low Birthweight Babies

***While access to good quality, affordable child care is an issue for all working parents, it is especially challenging for those who have limited resources to pay for it.***

Babies considered to have low birthweight are those weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. Of all the babies born in Louisiana, 10.2% are low birthweight babies.

Although important gains have been made

in our ability to sustain babies born at low birthweight, this remains the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States.

Cigarette smoking by pregnant women, poverty, lack of education, inadequate prenatal care, lack of health insurance and premature birth are all risk factors associated with low birthweight.

Low birthweight among African American babies is double that among white babies. State-wide low birthweight rates are 14.6 % among African American babies compared to 7% among white babies.

### Adequate Prenatal Care

Adequate health care during pregnancy increases the likelihood of healthy babies because medical and developmental problems can be detected early. Also, high-risk behaviors of the mother, such as substance abuse and poor nutrition, can be addressed.

The overall trend in prenatal care has been positive, but wide disparities by race and parish still exist. 75.4% of pregnant women in Louisiana receive adequate prenatal care, up from 73.5% in 1995. Among white mothers in Louisiana, the rate is 84.3% compared to 63.3% among African American mothers. The rate of adequate prenatal care ranges from a high of 89.9% in St. Bernard Parish, to a low of 49.2% in Lincoln Parish.





### **Infant Mortality Rate**

The infant mortality rate refers to the number of infants who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births.

Louisiana's infant mortality rate continues to follow the national downward trend. Although the infant mortality rate in the U.S. has steadily decreased, America still has one of the highest infant mortality rates among industrialized nations.

While rates for both white and African American babies have fallen, the rate among African American babies is double that among white babies — 13.6 deaths per 1,000 births compared to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 births, respectively.

Many of these deaths are preventable. Risk factors associated with infant mortality include the mother's age (below 19 or above 40), less than 2 years between births, poor maternal health or nutrition, inadequate prenatal care, and exposure to toxins such as alcohol, drugs, and tobacco smoke (Parish Health Profile, 1995).

### **Up-to-date Immunization**

Adequate immunization protects children against several diseases that killed or disabled many children in past decades. Rates of childhood immunization are one measure of the extent to which children are protected from serious preventable illnesses. The combined series immunization rate measures the extent to which children have received 4 key vaccinations.

The figure in this book reflects data collected in public clinics. The statewide rate of up-to-date immunization in 1998 was 82%, up from 79% in 1996.

### **Children in Trouble**

In 1998, 15,113 Louisiana children and youth were in the custody or under the supervision of the Office of Youth Development for crimes ranging from truancy to murder.

National research suggests that children at high risk for involvement in violence and crime include teenage boys born to adolescent mothers, young people doing poorly in school, youth who expect to die young, youth who are neither in school nor working, and those living in urban areas. Victims of child abuse and neglect are also more likely than other children to become involved in delinquent behaviors.

The Office of Youth Development collects data on the types of crime committed by the youth entering that system. Because of space limitations, these categories have been condensed into 2 categories in the *Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children*: crimes against property and crimes against persons. The "crimes against property" cat-

egory includes: burglary, theft, drug offenses, public order, and status offenses. Status offenses describe behavior, such as curfew violations and truancy that is not classified as criminal among adults. The "crimes against persons" category includes: assault-battery, robbery, homicide, sex crimes, weapons offenses, and other violent and non-violent crimes against persons. Some youth who are in trouble do not enter the Office of Youth Development system and therefore are not reflected in these numbers.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect and Foster Care**

Every day of the year, approximately 40 children are known to have been abused or neglected in the State of Louisiana — and this represents only those cases that are reported to and investigated by the State and then subse-

quently found "valid." We know that not all cases of child abuse proceed to this point. Nonetheless, 14,791 children were known to have been abused or neglected in Louisiana. 5,911 children in the State of Louisiana have been placed in foster care. Long-term, stable placement for these children, preferably with their own fami-

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lies, is the goal of foster care. Yet this is all too often not the case, especially for older children whose cases may have languished for years in the system.

#### Education

Success in school is a fundamental building block for a child's success. The overall state of education in a community has impact beyond the individual — defining to a large extent the condition of the social fabric.

Our basic investment in the education of children is reflected in the monetary investments we make towards that end, including the average expenditure per pupil and the average salary of teachers included in this book. The "children with special needs" category includes over

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95,834 children who are receiving special education services.

High school graduation is a minimum prerequisite to compete effectively in today's labor market. Students who drop out of school face staggering odds in achieving economic success in the modern world. Those who drop out are 3 times more likely to live in poverty than those who complete high school. In the nation as a whole, 82 % of prisoners are high school drop-outs. 21,367 children per year — the equivalent of 2 classrooms every day — drop out of school in Louisiana.

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Agenda for Children is Louisiana's statewide comprehensive child advocacy organization. Our mission is to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive, by ensuring that the basic needs of children and families are met; by ensuring that our children are nurtured and well-taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence; by ensuring that children are protected from harm, and by acting in ways that combat racism and other forms of oppression. Agenda for Children compiles information on the status of children, monitors legislation and policies affecting children, and acts as a statewide network capable of generating positive change for children and families. Agenda for Children is a private, non-profit organization supported by individual and corporate memberships, foundation grants and contracts.

## Louisiana Kids Count

Louisiana Kids Count is a project of Agenda for Children. The purpose of Louisiana Kids Count is to document the well-being of children at the state and parish level in the annual *Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children*; to disseminate this information as widely as possible, and to mobilize action for children based on the data findings. Louisiana Kids Count is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, which funds Kids Count projects in each state and produces the national *Kids Count Data Book*. The Casey Foundation is the largest foundation devoted exclusively to disadvantaged children.

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|                                                                      | White     | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |           |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 2,882,333 | 1,396,453        | 4,351,769                     |
| Under 20                                                             | 780,091   | 530,610          | 1,336,924                     |
| Under 5                                                              | 180,720   | 126,372          | 313,700                       |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |           |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |           |                  | 31.3                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |           |                  | 388,182                       |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |           |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |           |                  | 28,000                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |           |                  | 4.7                           |
| Unemployed (April 1999)                                              |           |                  | 95,500                        |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |           |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |           |                  | 97,663                        |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |           |                  | 314,808                       |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 44,690    | 181,164          | 232,548                       |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 58,953    | 97,171           | 157,977                       |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |           |                  | 19,891                        |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |           |                  | 14,302                        |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |           |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 37,438    | 27,115           | 65,947                        |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 13.3      | 25.1             | 18.1                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.0       | 14.6             | 10.2                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 84.3      | 63.3             | 75.4                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.8       | 13.6             | 9.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |           |                  | 82                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |           |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 4,675     | 10,186           | 15,113                        |
| Crimes against property                                              |           |                  | 9,429                         |
| Crimes against persons                                               |           |                  | 4,348                         |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |           |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 6,594     | 7,984            | 14,791                        |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 1,466     | 1,506            | 3,024                         |
| Neglect                                                              | 4,221     | 5,870            | 10,219                        |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 577       | 381              | 974                           |
| Children in foster care                                              | 1,921     | 3,927            | 5,911                         |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |           |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 388,646   | 360,674          | 773,073                       |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |           |                  | 5,178                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |           |                  | 31,131                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         | 30        |                  | 95,834                        |
| Dropouts                                                             |           |                  | 21,367                        |

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# Acadia



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 46,099 | 11,429           | 57,691                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 14,212 | 4,627            | 18,892                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,298  | 1,133            | 4,444                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 34.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 6,253                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 33,300*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 8.3                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 21,000                        |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 982                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 5,008                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,294  | 1,443            | 2,757                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,311  | 991              | 2,307                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 168                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 187                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 711    | 258              | 972                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.4   | 30.6             | 21.6                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.6    | 14.3             | 10.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 68.5   | 34.9             | 59.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 14.1   | 15.5             | 14.4                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 69                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 92     | 144              | 236                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 160                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 73                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 158    | 76               | 234                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 34     | 8                | 42                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 105    | 62               | 167                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 15     | 3                | 18                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 37     | 30               | 67                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 7,605  | 3,038            | 10,691                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,516                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 25,744                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,639                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 253                           |

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# Allen



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 17,364 | 6,146            | 23,908                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,611  | 1,759            | 6,477                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,038  | 405              | 1,458                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 33.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,030                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 27,000                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 7.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 640                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 306                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,594                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |        |                  | 762                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 464    | 286              | 750                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 1,122  | 500              | 1,640                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 30                            |
|                                                                      |        |                  | 66                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 45,251 | 66               | 323                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.9   | 31.8             | 20.7                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 11.6   | 21.2             | 13.3                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 70.1   | 53.1             | 67.2                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -      | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 87                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 71     | 34               | 109                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 88                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 20                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 115    | 22               | 140                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 25     | 5                | 31                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 82     | 13               | 96                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 4      | 3                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 18     | 8                | 26                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 3,352  | 1,115            | 4,527                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,891                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 26,417                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 432                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 183                           |

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# Ascension

Total  
(Includes all races)

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 52,269 | 17,322           | 69,978                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 16,156 | 7,165            | 23,459                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,633  | 1,722            | 5,393                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 20.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,510                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 43,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,400                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,036                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,841                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 355    | 1,110            | 1,481                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,379  | 1,268            | 2,778                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 95                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 152                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 863    | 300              | 1,166                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 10.5   | 21.0             | 13.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.5    | 10.7             | 7.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 88.1   | 68.9             | 83                            |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 2.3    | 10.0             | 4.3                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 92                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 77     | 67               | 146                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 103                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 42                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 77     | 36               | 113                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 20     | 11               | 31                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 50     | 25               | 75                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7      | 0                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 20     | 25               | 45                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 9,885  | 4,426            | 14,595                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,249                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,182                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,062                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 247                           |

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# Assumption



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 14,801 | 7,932            | 22,863                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,364  | 3,078            | 7,510                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 975    | 681              | 1,671                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.5                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,224                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.3                           |
| * Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 620                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 380                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,714                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 205    | 771              | 977                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 174    | 670              | 947                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 20                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 42                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 184    | 114              | 298                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.8   | 33.3             | 23.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 3.8    | 9.6              | 6.0                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.5   | 81.4             | 82.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 10.9   | -                | 6.7                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 81                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 8      | 17               | 26                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 12                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 13                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *      | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *      | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *      | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,619  | 2,068            | 4,733                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,392                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,027                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 651                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 100                           |

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# Avoyelles



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 28,287 | 12,324           | 40,791                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 7,601  | 4,467            | 12,127                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,638  | 1,090            | 2,745                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 41.1                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,682                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 23,900                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.8                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 910                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 916                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,691                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 793    | 1,238            | 2,041                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,412  | 1,282            | 2,696                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 151                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 64                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 369    | 213              | 585                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 19.0   | 27.2             | 21.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.0    | 19.7             | 11.8                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 79.9   | 51.9             | 69.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 5.4    | 4.7              | 5.1                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 82                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 71     | 101              | 174                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 86                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 47                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 81     | 47               | 128                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 23     | 3                | 26                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 43     | 38               | 81                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 10     | 3                | 13                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 11     | 23               | 34                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,463  | 3,106            | 7,622                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,624                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,678                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 727                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 257                           |

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# Beauregard



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 26,290 | 5,181            | 31,799                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 7,739  | 1,771            | 9,607                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,810  | 399              | 2,226                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 23.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,069                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 34,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.3                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 780                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 389                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,650                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |        |                  | 1,011                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 589    | 406              | 1,217                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 969    | 228              | 59                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 400    | 71               | 479                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.3   | 31.0             | 19.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.8    | 16.9             | 9.8                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 76.9   | 39.1             | 70.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 7.5    | -                | 6.3                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 87                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 64     | 27               | 95                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 79                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 15                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 149    | 46               | 196                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 27     | 6                | 33                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 104    | 37               | 142                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 11     | 0                | 11                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 27     | 17               | 44                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 5,054  | 1,077            | 6,224                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,090                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 30,734                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 759                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 123                           |

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# Bienville



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 8,478 | 7,299            | 15,827                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,123 | 2,437            | 4,573                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 459   | 608              | 1,068                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 36.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,560                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 28,500                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 7.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 390                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 433                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,451                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 169   | 746              | 919                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 279   | 583              | 864                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 31                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 80                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 120   | 96               | 217                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 20.8  | 29.2             | 24.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.3   | 16.7             | 12.0                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.2  | 44.1             | 64.5                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.3   | 10.4             | 9.2                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 98                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 14    | 41               | 55                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 29                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 18                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,126 | 1,863            | 2,990                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,724                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 29,287                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 341                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 61                            |

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Children in the Parishes



# Bossier



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 70,958 | 20,109           | 92,750                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 19,785 | 8,074            | 28,339                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 4,892  | 2,060            | 7,060                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 21.3                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 5,627                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 36,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,000                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 956                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 4,396                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 993    | 2,185            | 3,230                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,655  | 1,510            | 3,322                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 253                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 185                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 968    | 381              | 1,382                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 13.6   | 26.2             | 17.1                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.9    | 13.4             | 9.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 84.2   | 55.4             | 76.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.3    | 26.2             | 13.7                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 93                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 150    | 145              | 306                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 138                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 79                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 182    | 166              | 355                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 59     | 39               | 99                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 97     | 99               | 201                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 21     | 20               | 42                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 20     | 54               | 75                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 12,707 | 5,562            | 18,931                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,967                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 30,105                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,989                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 320                           |

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# Caddo

Total  
(Includes all races)

|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |         |                  |         |
| Total                                                                | 138,096 | 103,265          | 243,391 |
| Under 20                                                             | 32,448  | 39,569           | 72,574  |
| Under 5                                                              | 7,632   | 9,498            | 17,263  |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |         |                  |         |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 35.4    |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 24,264  |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |         |                  |         |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 36,600* |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4.1     |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4,900   |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |         |                  |         |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |         |                  | 6,054   |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 19,257  |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,682   | 13,737           | 15,495  |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 2,224   | 6,778            | 9,066   |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 1,849   |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 891     |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |         |                  |         |
| Live births                                                          | 1,592   | 2,048            | 3,690   |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 11.3    | 24.9             | 18.8    |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.0     | 16.8             | 12.5    |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 85.6    | 54.2             | 67.9    |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.4     | 19.5             | 12.7    |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 89      |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |         |                  |         |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 87      | 436              | 526     |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 360     |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 160     |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |         |                  |         |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 251     | 769              | 1,030   |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 53      | 128              | 182     |
| Neglect                                                              | 163     | 586              | 751     |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 15      | 31               | 50      |
| Children in foster care                                              | 109     | 417              | 529     |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |         |                  |         |
| Registration                                                         | 18,185  | 29,596           | 48,347  |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,421   |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 33,583  |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 5,963   |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 1,806   |

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# Calcasieu



|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 133,209 | 44,405           | 178,874                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 37,667  | 16,590           | 54,639                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 8,652   | 3,829            | 12,578                        |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 24.5                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 12,399                        |
| Employment and Income                                                |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 39,100*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4.3                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 3,900                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |         |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |         |                  | 1,069                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 9,225                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 2,004   | 3,871            | 5,943                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 3,507   | 3,184            | 6,741                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 1,086                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 161                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,913   | 836              | 2,777                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 14.9    | 27.9             | 18.7                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.5     | 16.6             | 11.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 86.3    | 70.9             | 81.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.4     | 12.0             | 9.4                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 73                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 104     | 191              | 297                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 208                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 89                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 406     | 294              | 726                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 106     | 58               | 170                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 217     | 196              | 427                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 20      | 11               | 32                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 66      | 78               | 145                           |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 22,477  | 10,650           | 33,534                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,090                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 30,619                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 4,147                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 607                           |

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# Caldwell



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 8,295 | 2,015            | 10,351                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,339 | 725              | 3,072                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 520   | 153              | 675                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 30.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 880                           |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 25,000                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 10.2                          |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 420                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 198                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 699                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 218   | 164              | 385                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 687   | 221              | 911                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 31                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 36                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 107   | 30               | 138                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 23.4  | 10.0             | 20.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 2.8   | 6.7              | 3.6                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.3  | 70.0             | 78.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 18.7  | -                | 14.5                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 96                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 21    | 10               | 31                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 26                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 3                             |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,621 | 421              | 2,073                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,006                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 27,016                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 170                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 66                            |

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**Cameron**


|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 8,379 | 557              | 9,012                         |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,605 | 205              | 2,827                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 629   | 53               | 683                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 18.8                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 491                           |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 36,900                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 4.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 210                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |       |                  | 25                            |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 344                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 120   | 14               | 142                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 318   | 42               | 377                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 2                             |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 0                             |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 100   | 6                | 107                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 24.0  | -                | 22.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.0   | 33.3             | 6.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 85.8  | 50.0             | 83.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 89                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 38    | 6                | 44                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 24                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 9                             |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,016 | 103              | 2,152                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 6,070                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 32,346                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 265                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 33                            |

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## Catahoula

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 7,992 | 3,047            | 11,063                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,250 | 1,206            | 3,462                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 494   | 280              | 775                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 40.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,337                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 24,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 9.9                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 470                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 223                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 954                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 164   | 379              | 547                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 418   | 394              | 814                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 35                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 10                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 96    | 40               | 136                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.8  | 45.0             | 26.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 12.5  | 15.0             | 13.2                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 80.0  | 57.5             | 73.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 31.3  | 25.0             | 29.4                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 91                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 22    | 40               | 62                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 52                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 6                             |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 72    | 36               | 108                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 12    | 7                | 19                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 45    | 24               | 69                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 12    | 3                | 15                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 22    | 32               | 54                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,369 | 784              | 2,165                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,256                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 25,231                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 184                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 52                            |

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# Claiborne



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 8,678 | 8,165            | 16,888                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 1,940 | 2,497            | 4,447                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 414   | 603              | 1,019                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 38.2                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,621                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 27,300                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 7.8                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 460                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 450                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,399                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |       |                  | 1,032                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 114   | 915              | 853                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 222   | 627              | 62                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 67                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 101   | 111              | 214                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 13.9  | 25.2             | 19.6                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 10.9  | 13.5             | 12.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 77.3  | 45.9             | 60.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 9.9   | 27.0             | 18.7                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 96                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 11    | 34               | 45                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 30                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 7                             |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,019 | 1,941            | 2,973                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 4,837                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 25,958                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 394                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 48                            |

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# Concordia

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 12,679 | 7,999            | 20,741                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,467  | 3,090            | 6,573                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 750    | 663              | 1,418                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 39.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,450                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 28,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 12.1                          |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,040                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 683                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,052                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 230    | 1,023            | 1,262                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 532    | 917              | 1,453                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 61                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 128                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 154    | 172              | 328                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.8   | 32.0             | 25.6                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.1    | 16.3             | 11.9                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 84.2   | 49.1             | 65.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 13.0   | 11.6             | 12.2                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 83                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 24     | 37               | 61                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 35                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 26                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 55     | 57               | 112                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 10     | 6                | 16                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 41     | 49               | 90                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 3      | 2                | 5                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 5      | 6                | 11                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,163  | 2,187            | 4,354                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,087                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,722                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 391                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 58                            |

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## DeSoto



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 13,310 | 11,702           | 25,091                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,543  | 4,221            | 7,782                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 808    | 1,001            | 1,811                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 36.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,624                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 26,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 600                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 710                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,802                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 266    | 1,205            | 1,481                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 395    | 1,242            | 1,655                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 140                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 112                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 186    | 163              | 349                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 14.0   | 27.6             | 20.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 4.3    | 12.3             | 8.0                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 77.4   | 57.4             | 68.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -      | 12.3             | 5.7                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 93                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 42     | 100              | 142                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 87                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 25                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 75     | 108              | 183                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 12     | 20               | 32                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 51     | 85               | 136                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 5      | 2                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 19     | 59               | 78                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,305  | 2,945            | 5,310                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,767                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,375                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 637                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 84                            |

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## East Baton Rouge

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 239,512 | 147,016          | 394,249                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 61,978  | 55,326           | 119,664                       |
| Under 5                                                              | 14,206  | 12,981           | 27,774                        |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 26.2                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 27,980                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 43,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 3.1                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 6,700                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |         |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |         |                  | 7,992                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 22,005                        |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,092   | 15,281           | 16,632                        |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,010   | 7,242            | 8,512                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 2,336                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 840                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 2,870   | 3,045            | 6,072                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 7.5     | 21.6             | 14.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.0     | 15.4             | 10.8                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 90.0    | 61.8             | 75.4                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 3.5     | 19.4             | 11.4                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 56                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 62      | 343              | 407                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 271                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 107                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 232     | 721              | 970                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 72      | 164              | 239                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 130     | 488              | 630                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 26      | 61               | 88                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 58      | 336              | 398                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 18,820  | 36,497           | 56,801                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,519                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 30,585                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 6,697                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 2,642                         |

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# East Carroll



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 2,979 | 5,986            | 8,991                         |
| Under 20                                                             | 735   | 2,649            | 3,397                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 168   | 621              | 794                           |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 62.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 2,002                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 16,500                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 13.1                          |
| * Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 410                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 782                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,831                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 83    | 1,018            | 1,104                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 86    | 904              | 997                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 87                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 120                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 30    | 114              | 144                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 6.7   | 25.4             | 21.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | -     | 12.3             | 9.7                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 70.0  | 57.7             | 60.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | 8.8              | 6.9                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 96                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 2     | 58               | 60                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 41                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 17                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 33    | 68               | 101                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 6     | 9                | 15                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 25    | 58               | 83                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 2     | 1                | 3                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 3     | 15               | 18                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 172   | 1,835            | 2,016                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 4,918                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 26,758                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 152                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 45                            |

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## East Feliciana

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 10,186 | 10,579           | 20,825                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,789  | 3,555            | 6,363                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 633    | 850              | 1,488                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 30.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,831                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 29,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.3                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 320                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 303                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,454                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 112    | 699              | 811                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 335    | 674              | 1,012                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 26                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 25                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 158    | 147              | 307                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.7   | 30.6             | 23.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.6    | 11.6             | 9.4                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 84.0   | 57.5             | 70.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.3    | 6.8              | 6.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 90                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 24     | 77               | 101                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 63                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 38                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 54     | 60               | 114                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 9      | 8                | 17                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 30     | 48               | 78                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 8      | 2                | 10                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 16     | 21               | 37                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 620    | 2,266            | 2,889                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,033                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 26,772                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 333                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 77                            |

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## Evangeline



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 24,433 | 9,581            | 34,108                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 7,123  | 3,919            | 11,077                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,597  | 1,036            | 2,641                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 40.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,302                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 23,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 680                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,104                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 4,064                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |        |                  | 2,174                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 791    | 1,378            | 2,661                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 1,330  | 1,329            | 118                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 144                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 375    | 208              | 585                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.3   | 33.2             | 22.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.2    | 11.6             | 11.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 79.8   | 49.5             | 68.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.0    | 14.4             | 10.3                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 89                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 58     | 128              | 186                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 121                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 65                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 62     | 41               | 104                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 19     | 12               | 31                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 40     | 27               | 67                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 3      | 1                | 5                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 3      | 21               | 24                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,149  | 2,709            | 6,880                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,701                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 25,559                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,027                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 96                            |

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## Franklin

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 14,667 | 7,338            | 22,068                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,893  | 3,120            | 7,034                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 812    | 688              | 1,506                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 43.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,895                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 25,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 7.9                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 750                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 544                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,201                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 328    | 1,091            | 1,430                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 554    | 737              | 1,292                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 77                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 49                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 156    | 131              | 288                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.9   | 27.5             | 22.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.8    | 19.1             | 11.8                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 82.6   | 55.4             | 70.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -      | 15.3             | 6.9                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 95                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 19     | 61               | 81                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 41                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 31                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 45     | 73               | 122                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 11     | 3                | 14                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 28     | 70               | 102                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 5      | 0                | 5                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 7      | 11               | 19                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,361  | 1,998            | 4,382                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,820                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 27,065                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 360                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 110                           |

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# Grant

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 15,552 | 2,946            | 18,625                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,590  | 1,066            | 5,710                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,043  | 262              | 1,309                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.1                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,681                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 28,000                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 7.1                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 460                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 329                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,148                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |        |                  | 921                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 635    | 278              | 921                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 1,138  | 274              | 1,427                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 73                            |
|                                                                      |        |                  | 16                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 230    | 31               | 262                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 20.0   | 19.4             | 20.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.7    | 12.9             | 6.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.3   | 53.3             | 79.5                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.3    | 32.3             | 7.6                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 90                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 42     | 15               | 57                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 44                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 8                             |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 45     | 30               | 75                            |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 9      | 6                | 15                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 31     | 23               | 54                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 5      | 1                | 6                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 8      | 3                | 11                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 3,024  | 601              | 3,655                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,757                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 26,685                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 435                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 140                           |

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## Iberia

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 47,907 | 22,900           | 72,092                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 14,315 | 9,180            | 24,084                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,418  | 2,246            | 5,801                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 7,181                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 33,300                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 8.1                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,780                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,879                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 6,243                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,053  | 3,452            | 4,584                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 544    | 874              | 1,490                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 434                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 580                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 684    | 515              | 1,225                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.1   | 25.8             | 19.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.6    | 12.2             | 9.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 74.6   | 44.0             | 61.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 10.2   | 15.5             | 12.2                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 66                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 156    | 212              | 389                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 266                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 123                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 227    | 201              | 436                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 70     | 34               | 107                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 118    | 141              | 261                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 24     | 15               | 39                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 51     | 50               | 101                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 8,603  | 6,072            | 15,261                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,246                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,138                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,495                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 357                           |

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# Iberville



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 15,766 | 15,279           | 31,129                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,147  | 5,457            | 9,628                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 951    | 1,379            | 2,334                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 33.5                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,007                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 34,100                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.9                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 850                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 903                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,802                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |        |                  | 1,525                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 217    | 1,307            | 1,019                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 284    | 728              | 109                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 93                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 201    | 243              | 444                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 11.4   | 20.6             | 16.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.5    | 11.1             | 8.6                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 93.9   | 65.3             | 78.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 10.0   | 12.3             | 11.3                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 16     | 66               | 82                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 57                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 22                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 53     | 71               | 124                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 7      | 22               | 29                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 38     | 49               | 87                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 8      | 0                | 8                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 12     | 37               | 49                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,371  | 3,893            | 5,283                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 6,157                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 32,707                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 676                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 79                            |

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# Jackson

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 10,639 | 4,861            | 15,550                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,800  | 1,717            | 4,529                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 577    | 334              | 913                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 27.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,185                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 28,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.9                           |
| * Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 290                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 289                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,113                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 228    | 445              | 681                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 612    | 467              | 1,081                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 26                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 11                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 138    | 70               | 209                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 10.9   | 22.9             | 14.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.5    | 11.4             | 8.1                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 68.2   | 37.1             | 57.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -      | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 82                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 34     | 29               | 64                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 25                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 11                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *      | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *      | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *      | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,788  | 1,011            | 2,802                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,223                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 23,674                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 307                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 50                            |

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# Jefferson

|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 351,076 | 85,238           | 451,240                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 87,390  | 34,172           | 126,928                       |
| Under 5                                                              | 20,707  | 8,202            | 30,273                        |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 24.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 28,761                        |
| Employment and Income                                                |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 3.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 7,500                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |         |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |         |                  | 7,010                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 23,645                        |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |         |                  | 17,654                        |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 3,807   | 13,029           | 7,279                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 2,588   | 4,010            | 1,518                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 949                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 4,008   | 1,964            | 6,327                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 11.4    | 22.8             | 14.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.7     | 13.0             | 8.8                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 89.4    | 72.3             | 83.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.0     | 9.2              | 8.2                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 74                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 305     | 467              | 817                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 537                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 280                           |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 445     | 557              | 1,045                         |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 127     | 144              | 288                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 254     | 382              | 659                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 47      | 21               | 71                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 169     | 309              | 493                           |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 24,323  | 23,899           | 54,414                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,643                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 32,766                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 7,689                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 1,340                         |

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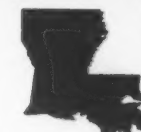
# Jefferson Davis



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 25,006 | 6,520            | 31,675                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 7,484  | 2,566            | 10,105                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,660  | 605              | 2,284                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,997                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 26,900                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.7                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 700                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 262                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,371                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 605    | 750              | 1,374                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,106  | 607              | 1,726                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 61                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 17                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 401    | 106              | 515                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 19.2   | 29.2             | 21.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.0    | 15.1             | 8.7                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 68.4   | 40.9             | 62.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 2.5    | 37.7             | 9.7                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 53     | 62               | 116                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 56                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 24                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 108    | 41               | 149                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 29     | 6                | 35                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 72     | 35               | 107                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7      | 0                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 18     | 7                | 25                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,625  | 1,531            | 6,260                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,835                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,104                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 921                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 105                           |

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## Lafayette



|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 136,724 | 44,658           | 184,102                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 38,829  | 17,493           | 57,067                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 9,815   | 4,270            | 14,278                        |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 22.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 11,791                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 33,300*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4,300                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |         |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |         |                  | 1,636                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 9,363                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,518   | 5,882            | 7,483                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,100   | 2,182            | 3,350                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 1,075                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 531                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,959   | 864              | 2,871                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 9.6     | 23.3             | 13.7                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.8     | 14.0             | 9.2                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 86.6    | 66.4             | 80.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 7.1     | 12.7             | 8.7                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 79                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 243     | 443              | 693                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 498                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 194                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 248     | 283              | 532                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 50      | 52               | 103                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 164     | 216              | 380                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 14      | 7                | 21                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 50      | 81               | 131                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 19,381  | 10,574           | 30,552                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 4,880                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 31,231                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 3,468                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 793                           |

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# Lafourche



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 73,272 | 11,927           | 88,037                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 21,327 | 5,162            | 27,838                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 4,913  | 1,329            | 6,533                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 27.3                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 7,034                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 32,500*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 3.4                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,500                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,227                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 5,123                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,376  | 2,448            | 3,928                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 2,294  | 1,082            | 3,532                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 196                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 276                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 909    | 225              | 1,181                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.0   | 26.2             | 17.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.6    | 13.3             | 7.9                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 79.4   | 74.3             | 78.2                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 8.8    | 8.9              | 8.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 85                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 258    | 299              | 566                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 408                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 158                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 119    | 52               | 172                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 25     | 6                | 31                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 89     | 46               | 136                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 4      | 0                | 4                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 115    | 150              | 271                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 11,684 | 3,322            | 15,836                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,444                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 30,891                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,465                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 356                           |

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|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 12,253 | 1,371            | 13,751                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,268  | 537              | 3,863                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 658    | 131              | 800                           |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 23.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 881                           |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,900                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 8.7                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 500                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 150                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 801                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 290    | 154              | 451                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 861    | 143              | 1,012                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 3                             |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 7                             |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 168    | 22               | 190                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.7   | 31.8             | 18.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.3    | 9.1              | 8.4                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 76.9   | 27.3             | 71.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -      | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 100                           |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 35     | 6                | 41                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 16                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 17                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *      | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *      | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *      | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,368  | 340              | 2,756                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,688                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 26,457                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 218                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 72                            |

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# Lincoln



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 23,977 | 17,478           | 41,952                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 6,770  | 6,543            | 13,427                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,244  | 1,161            | 2,430                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 30.1                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,920                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 36,500                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 410                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 882                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,592                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 253    | 1,840            | 2,119                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 270    | 838              | 1,124                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 181                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 229                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 255    | 276              | 534                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 12.2   | 25.7             | 19.1                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.9    | 13.4             | 9.7                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 63.8   | 36.0             | 49.2                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 3.9    | 10.9             | 7.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 85     | 170              | 261                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 140                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 54                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 46     | 69               | 115                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 9      | 9                | 18                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 31     | 56               | 87                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 4      | 4                | 8                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 12     | 31               | 43                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 3,538  | 3,318            | 6,971                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,642                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,836                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 607                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 152                           |

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# Livingston

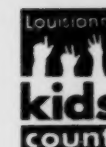


|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 79,740 | 5,282            | 85,470                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 25,583 | 2,076            | 27,768                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 5,695  | 466              | 6,189                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 18.8                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,792                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 43,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,900                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 450                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 4,016                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,438  | 510              | 1,959                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,949  | 236              | 2,197                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 101                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 39                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,232  | 91               | 1,330                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.3   | 20.9             | 16.6                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.3    | 13.2             | 8.6                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 86.6   | 65.6             | 85.2                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.9    | 22.0             | 6.0                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 88                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 99     | 22               | 121                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 85                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 35                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 290    | 39               | 332                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 62     | 7                | 71                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 173    | 31               | 205                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 27     | 1                | 28                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 55     | 19               | 74                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 17,523 | 1,092            | 18,725                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,412                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,137                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,863                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 508                           |

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# Madison



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 4,893 | 8,068            | 12,987                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 1,254 | 3,376            | 4,635                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 242   | 750              | 993                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 49.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 2,093                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 21,000                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 7.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 390                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 637                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,668                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 92    | 1,417            | 1,512                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 193   | 559              | 752                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 13                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 49                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 55    | 169              | 224                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.4  | 23.1             | 21.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 9.1   | 8.9              | 8.9                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.3  | 46.4             | 55.5                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 18.2  | 11.8             | 13.4                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 90                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 20    | 104              | 124                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 74                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 39                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 10    | 101              | 111                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 3     | 13               | 16                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 6     | 81               | 87                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 0     | 6                | 6                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 4     | 9                | 13                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 513   | 2,747            | 3,289                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 4,222                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 27,044                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 339                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 90                            |

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## Morehouse



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 17,853 | 13,796           | 31,734                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,567  | 5,652            | 10,245                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,001  | 1,220            | 2,225                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 40.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,958                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 26,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 9.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,190                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 859                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,139                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 477    | 2,213            | 2,700                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 621    | 1,078            | 1,705                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 327                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 85                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 220    | 279              | 499                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.6   | 34.4             | 27.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 4.5    | 17.6             | 11.8                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 64.8   | 37.7             | 49.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.5    | 14.3             | 10.0                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 89                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 34     | 125              | 161                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 102                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 38                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 32     | 31               | 63                            |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 7      | 5                | 12                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 19     | 22               | 41                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 2      | 4                | 6                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 13     | 25               | 38                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,940  | 3,673            | 5,635                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,824                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 25,779                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         | 100    |                  | 826                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 146                           |

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# Natchitoches



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 21,886 | 15,017           | 37,285                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 6,465  | 6,048            | 12,666                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,138  | 1,427            | 2,584                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 40.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,243                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 27,100                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 920                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 954                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,913                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 512    | 2,392            | 2,928                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 775    | 1,818            | 2,606                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 290                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 134                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 309    | 278              | 593                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 14.6   | 27.7             | 20.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 12.6   | 11.2             | 11.8                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.6   | 55.1             | 68.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.5    | 10.8             | 8.4                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 96                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 57     | 221              | 280                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 175                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 87                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 67     | 106              | 174                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 18     | 27               | 45                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 44     | 62               | 107                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 1      | 8                | 9                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 19     | 48               | 67                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 3,197  | 4,000            | 7,301                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,392                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,748                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 820                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 139                           |

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Children in the Parishes

# Orleans



|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 158,347 | 298,714          | 469,089                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 27,492  | 107,501          | 139,608                       |
| Under 5                                                              | 6,715   | 25,684           | 33,665                        |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 51.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 66,565                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 4.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 8,900                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |         |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |         |                  | 28,786                        |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 56,082                        |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 737     | 44,224           | 45,794                        |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 421     | 18,767           | 19,838                        |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 3,412                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 3,599                         |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,419   | 6,098            | 7,734                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 5.0     | 23.7             | 19.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.1     | 14.7             | 13.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 89.3    | 71.0             | 74.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 12.7    | 12.6             | 12.3                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 88                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 75      | 2,906            | 3,025                         |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 1,843                         |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 1,175                         |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 104     | 1,398            | 1,517                         |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 14      | 307              | 324                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 80      | 1,007            | 1,096                         |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7       | 55               | 62                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 75      | 891              | 970                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,247   | 75,855           | 83,167                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,125                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 37,824                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 7,431                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 2,927                         |

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## Ouachita

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 97,282 | 48,531           | 147,055                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 25,900 | 20,472           | 46,723                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 5,657  | 5,011            | 10,744                        |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 34.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 14,505                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 35,100*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 3.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,400                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 3,664                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 9,818                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,445  | 9,143            | 10,623                        |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,730  | 4,618            | 6,387                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 1,188                         |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 546                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,191  | 1,014            | 2,217                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 10.9   | 24.8             | 17.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.5    | 12.9             | 10.0                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 87.4   | 64.8             | 77                            |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.2    | 12.8             | 8.1                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 88                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 121    | 290              | 411                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 310                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 100                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 355    | 523              | 885                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 71     | 75               | 146                           |
| Neglect                                                              | 225    | 408              | 636                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 42     | 22               | 67                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 73     | 182              | 256                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 13,121 | 4,381            | 17,702                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,841                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,997                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,712                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 491                           |

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## Plaquemines



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 18,264 | 6,451            | 25,856                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 5,468  | 2,495            | 8,442                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,302  | 577              | 2,002                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 26.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,138                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 500                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 603                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,684                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 436    | 890              | 1,461                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 341    | 319              | 741                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 24                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 136                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 272    | 130              | 425                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.4   | 29.2             | 19.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.7    | 13.1             | 8.9                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.9   | 63.5             | 74.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 18.4   | -                | 11.8                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 81                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 20     | 11               | 34                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 30                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 4                             |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 130    | 54               | 187                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 14     | 6                | 20                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 113    | 46               | 162                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 2      | 2                | 4                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 33     | 16               | 51                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 3,159  | 1,688            | 5,115                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,847                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 30,994                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 516                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 92                            |

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## Pointe Coupee



### Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 13,255 | 10,327           | 23,636                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,585  | 3,801            | 7,404                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 786    | 842              | 1,628                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 34.0                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,359                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 27,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.1                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 480                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 611                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,010                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 153    | 1,134            | 1,289                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 448    | 1,098            | 1,561                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 27                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 68                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 161    | 170              | 331                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 12.4   | 28.2             | 20.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.5    | 16.5             | 12.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 86.6   | 65.9             | 75.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.2    | 5.9              | 6.0                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 25     | 67               | 92                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 62                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 27                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 36     | 77               | 113                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 10     | 9                | 19                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 26     | 59               | 85                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 0      | 4                | 4                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 5      | 24               | 29                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,097  | 2,333            | 3,447                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,028                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 27,569                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 570                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 55                            |

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## Rapides



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 86,575 | 38,210           | 126,491                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 23,423 | 14,423           | 38,378                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 5,494  | 3,246            | 8,888                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 32.8                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 11,711                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 33,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,400                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 2,698                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 8,707                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,935  | 6,506            | 8,562                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 2,628  | 3,804            | 6,565                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 982                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 652                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,085  | 746              | 1,852                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.3   | 28.4             | 20.6                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.5    | 15.7             | 10.3                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.1   | 61.9             | 74.5                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 9.2    | 9.4              | 9.7                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 90                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 41     | 108              | 150                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 109                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 39                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 237    | 308              | 553                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 58     | 36               | 96                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 152    | 246              | 404                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 26     | 20               | 46                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 112    | 199              | 316                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 13,385 | 9,818            | 23,857                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,224                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,596                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,940                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 798                           |

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## Red River

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 5,689 | 3,982            | 9,696                         |
| Under 20                                                             | 1,491 | 1,607            | 3,103                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 347   | 390              | 739                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 38.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,136                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 26,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 9.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 290                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |       |                  | 254                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 761                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 118   | 642              | 760                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 499   | 689              | 1,188                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 8                             |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 41                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 67    | 65               | 134                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 13.4  | 23.1             | 17.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.0   | 7.7              | 6.7                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 88.1  | 40.6             | 64.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 91                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 17    | 39               | 56                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 34                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 21                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 891   | 1,209            | 2,105                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,219                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 25,438                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 260                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 40                            |

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## Richland



### Population (1997)

|          | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total    | 12,847 | 7,976            | 20,861                        |
| Under 20 | 3,335  | 3,339            | 6,684                         |
| Under 5  | 675    | 762              | 1,438                         |

### Poverty (1995)

|                                            |  |  |       |
|--------------------------------------------|--|--|-------|
| % Children under age 18 in poverty         |  |  | 43.7  |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty |  |  | 2,747 |

### Employment and Income

|                                |  |  |        |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| \$ Median family income (1998) |  |  | 25,000 |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)      |  |  | 7.3    |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)      |  |  | 570    |

### Children Receiving

|                                   |     |       |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| FITAP (FY 1998)                   |     |       | 669   |
| Medicaid (March 1999)             |     |       | 2,348 |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)       | 355 | 1,565 | 1,928 |
| WIC (1998)                        | 470 | 779   | 1,250 |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998) |     |       | 112   |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)   |     |       | 107   |

### Maternal and Child Health (1997)

|                                                 |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Live births                                     | 166  | 157  | 324  |
| % Births to teens                               | 13.9 | 33.1 | 23.1 |
| % Low birthweight babies                        | 6.0  | 16.6 | 11.1 |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care        | 81.5 | 63.7 | 72.8 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births          | 6.0  | 6.4  | 6.2  |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998) |      |      | 84   |

### Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

|                                                                      |    |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 34 | 105 | 140 |
| Crimes against property                                              |    |     | 88  |
| Crimes against persons                                               |    |     | 46  |

### Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

|                                                     |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children) | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| Physical abuse                                      | 2  | 1  | 3  |
| Neglect                                             | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| Sexual abuse                                        | 1  | 1  | 2  |
| Children in foster care                             | 8  | 10 | 18 |

### Public Education (1997-98)

|                              |       |       |        |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Registration                 | 1,736 | 2,294 | 4,053  |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure     |       |       | 4,862  |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)  |       |       | 26,862 |
| Exceptional children program |       |       | 490    |
| Dropouts                     |       |       | 152    |

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# Sabine

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 18,583 | 4,436            | 23,762                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 4,746  | 1,889            | 6,876                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,113  | 454              | 1,613                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,072                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 26,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.8                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 640                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 447                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,379                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 356    | 613              | 987                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 825    | 472              | 1,318                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 68                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 148                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 232    | 85               | 331                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 20.3   | 15.3             | 19.0                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.2    | 12.9             | 9.1                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 79.3   | 55.3             | 73.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.3    | 58.8             | 18.1                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 94                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 28     | 35               | 63                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 44                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 16                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 69     | 33               | 103                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 9      | 0                | 9                             |
| Neglect                                                              | 52     | 31               | 84                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 6      | 1                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 25     | 9                | 37                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,365  | 1,312            | 4,686                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,812                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 26,786                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 592                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 103                           |

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# St. Bernard



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 61,664 | 3,382            | 66,267                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 17,069 | 1,269            | 18,734                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 4,015  | 305              | 4,417                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 21.8                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,851                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 3.6                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,100                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 666                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,311                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,256  | 622              | 1,950                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 960    | 322              | 1,374                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 280                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 90                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 784    | 75               | 884                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 13.3   | 22.7             | 13.7                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.3    | 18.7             | 9.0                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 92.1   | 71.2             | 89.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 2.6    | 13.3             | 3.4                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 87                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 45     | 36               | 83                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 71                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 12                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 206    | 34               | 240                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 42     | 8                | 50                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 143    | 26               | 169                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7      | 0                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 38     | 11               | 49                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 7,415  | 1,076            | 9,080                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,156                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,878                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,280                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 307                           |

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# St. Charles

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 34,690 | 12,596           | 47,704                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 10,360 | 4,873            | 15,386                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 2,727  | 1,208            | 3,976                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 18.1                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 2,641                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,000                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 540                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,061                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 287    | 1,298            | 1,602                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 317    | 576              | 902                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 180                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 29                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 489    | 222              | 716                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 10.6   | 26.1             | 15.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.6    | 12.2             | 8.9                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 87.6   | 71.6             | 82.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.1    | 4.5              | 5.6                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 88                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 90     | 67               | 157                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 103                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 54                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *      | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *      | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *      | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 6,490  | 3,452            | 10,179                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 7,553                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 35,162                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 995                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 171                           |

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# St. Helena



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 4,420 | 5,349            | 9,782                         |
| Under 20                                                             | 1,206 | 1,985            | 3,197                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 300   | 463              | 763                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 36.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,110                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 26,800                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 4.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 180                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 190                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,043                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 120   | 706              | 827                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 332   | 729              | 1,062                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 24                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 5                             |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 48    | 53               | 101                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.7  | 22.6             | 19.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 2.1   | 15.1             | 8.9                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 89.4  | 84.6             | 86.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 20.8  | 18.9             | 19.8                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 100                           |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 3     | 7                | 10                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 8                             |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 2                             |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 102   | 1,482            | 1,594                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,313                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 28,241                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 287                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 29                            |

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## St. James

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 9,917 | 11,037           | 20,991                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,775 | 4,132            | 6,919                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 639   | 998              | 1,640                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 28.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,879                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 35,100                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 10.6                          |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 1,000                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 430                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,626                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 93    | 1,210            | 1,309                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 233   | 1,063            | 1,299                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 113                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 75                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 132   | 171              | 303                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 3.8   | 21.1             | 13.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.1   | 15.8             | 11.6                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 73.3  | 55.6             | 63.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 15.2  | 5.8              | 9.9                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 98                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 3     | 26               | 29                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 12                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 17                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,436 | 3,188            | 4,644                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 6,180                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 32,337                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 504                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 89                            |

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## St. John



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 25,337 | 16,357           | 42,021                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 8,094  | 6,510            | 14,719                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 2,114  | 1,561            | 3,716                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 25.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,605                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.1                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,200                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 621                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,094                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 182    | 1,815            | 2,011                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 382    | 983              | 1,389                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 239                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 128                           |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 321    | 349              | 674                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 11.5   | 24.6             | 18.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 4.7    | 12.6             | 8.8                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 77.9   | 53.9             | 65.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.2    | 17.2             | 11.9                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 96                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 14     | 34               | 48                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 25                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 23                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 67     | 162              | 230                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 27     | 34               | 61                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 28     | 116              | 145                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 9      | 12               | 21                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 10     | 59               | 69                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,777  | 4,768            | 6,694                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,705                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,025                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,169                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 264                           |

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# St. Landry

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 47,275 | 35,902           | 83,465                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 13,538 | 13,856           | 27,508                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,080  | 3,262            | 6,366                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 42.5                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 10,992                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 33,300*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 7.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,300                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 3,098                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 8,397                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,410  | 6,196            | 7,641                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,288  | 2,094            | 3,397                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 332                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 513                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 672    | 664              | 1,340                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.6   | 25.3             | 20.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.6    | 17.3             | 13.1                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 76.5   | 50.8             | 63.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 10.4   | 12.0             | 11.2                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 78                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 123    | 291              | 416                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 302                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 108                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 116    | 207              | 323                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 17     | 35               | 52                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 85     | 151              | 236                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7      | 9                | 16                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 44     | 75               | 120                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 7,358  | 9,129            | 16,581                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,510                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 27,079                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,489                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 285                           |

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# St. Martin



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 29,558 | 16,682           | 46,769                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 8,921  | 6,528            | 15,697                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 2,106  | 1,649            | 3,798                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 30.8                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,501                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 33,300*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.7                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,300                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 779                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,577                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 667    | 1,972            | 2,665                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 657    | 861              | 1,547                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 235                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 257                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 429    | 316              | 755                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.2   | 24.7             | 19.1                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.2    | 15.5             | 10.7                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.1   | 62.5             | 73.2                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.7    | 3.2              | 4.0                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 77                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 125    | 216              | 343                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 178                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 55                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 75     | 110              | 185                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 22     | 16               | 38                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 41     | 79               | 120                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 6      | 1                | 7                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 11     | 32               | 43                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,719  | 4,168            | 9,002                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,879                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,758                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,316                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 239                           |

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# St. Mary

## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 35,699 | 19,246           | 56,950                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 10,296 | 7,797            | 19,062                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 2,422  | 1,888            | 4,598                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 34.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 6,250                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 11.1                          |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,980                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,121                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 4,655                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 869    | 2,950            | 3,890                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 659    | 846              | 1,594                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 262                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 146                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 504    | 364              | 887                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 19.2   | 26.1             | 21.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 4.6    | 15.7             | 9.2                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 84.3   | 63.9             | 75.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.0    | 8.2              | 5.6                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 84                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 134    | 230              | 375                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 275                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 100                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 156    | 127              | 286                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 31     | 31               | 63                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 110    | 92               | 204                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 8      | 2                | 10                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 27     | 20               | 47                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 5,700  | 5,289            | 11,563                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,440                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,274                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,567                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 262                           |

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## St. Tammany



|                                                                      | White   | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |         |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 160,062 | 22,530           | 184,590                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 47,774  | 8,616            | 57,017                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 11,128  | 2,059            | 13,374                        |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |         |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |         |                  | 16.3                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |         |                  | 8,635                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |         |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |         |                  | 38,800*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 2.8                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |         |                  | 2,500                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |         |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |         |                  | 893                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |         |                  | 6,932                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,969   | 1,982            | 3,989                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 2,856   | 1,469            | 4,423                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |         |                  | 243                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |         |                  | 145                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |         |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 2,144   | 361              | 2,532                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 9.9     | 27.1             | 12.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.6     | 13.6             | 7.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 88.5    | 69.9             | 85.8                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 5.1     | 8.3              | 5.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |         |                  | 80                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |         |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 384     | 146              | 534                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |         |                  | 393                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |         |                  | 141                           |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |         |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 384     | 94               | 504                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 61      | 15               | 78                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 274     | 68               | 365                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 47      | 11               | 59                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 206     | 112              | 323                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |         |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 27,122  | 4,860            | 32,536                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |         |                  | 5,452                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |         |                  | 32,752                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |         |                  | 4,478                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |         |                  | 612                           |

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## Tangipahoa



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 65,159 | 29,506           | 95,254                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 18,542 | 12,310           | 31,044                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,944  | 2,796            | 6,790                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 38.1                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 10,701                        |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,200                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,550                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 2,315                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 9,960                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,130  | 11               | 3,966                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 2,152  | 2,836            | 5,068                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 348                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 261                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 964    | 678              | 1,652                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.2   | 34.4             | 24.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.2    | 14.6             | 10.2                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 90.1   | 83.9             | 87.5                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.2    | 11.8             | 8.5                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 99                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 92     | 234              | 330                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 197                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 99                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 97     | 121              | 219                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 24     | 21               | 45                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 56     | 95               | 151                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 10     | 3                | 14                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 13     | 38               | 54                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 10,160 | 8,323            | 18,705                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,383                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,675                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 2,679                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 368                           |

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# Tensas



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 2,987 | 3,744            | 6,747                         |
| Under 20                                                             | 768   | 1,478            | 2,252                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 169   | 326              | 497                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 53.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,166                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 19,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 5.8                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 180                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 257                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 978                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 80    | 602              | 683                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 98    | 335              | 449                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 13                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 30                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 30    | 55               | 85                            |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 16.7  | 40.0             | 31.8                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 3.3   | 10.9             | 8.2                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 93.3  | 42.6             | 60.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | 18.2             | 11.8                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 93                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 4     | 41               | 45                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 27                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 13                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 1     | 4                | 5                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 270   | 1,047            | 1,338                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 5,436                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 24,946                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 266                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 31                            |

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## Terrebonne

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 78,193 | 18,901           | 103,190                       |
| Under 20                                                             | 24,034 | 7,689            | 34,408                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 5,604  | 1,909            | 8,144                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 29.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 9,457                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 32,500*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 2,300                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 1,460                         |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 6,706                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 2,064  | 3,336            | 5,828                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 565    | 477              | 1,187                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 211                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 457                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 1,171  | 405              | 1,701                         |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.7   | 25.4             | 21.4                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.3    | 13.6             | 9.1                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 74.3   | 74.6             | 73.4                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 7.7    | 19.8             | 10.6                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 85                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 98     | 178              | 301                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 199                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 98                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 91     | 44               | 141                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 23     | 9                | 36                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 52     | 34               | 88                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 12     | 1                | 13                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 80     | 58               | 143                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 13,297 | 5,435            | 20,678                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,891                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,517                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 3,306                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 821                           |

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# Union



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 15,188 | 6,540            | 21,788                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,863  | 2,367            | 6,242                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 818    | 587              | 1,407                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 29.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,737                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 29,100                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.4                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 520                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 235                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,292                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 154    | 699              | 855                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 430    | 518              | 1,003                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 34                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 17                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 207    | 97               | 306                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.4   | 22.7             | 19.0                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 4.8    | 13.4             | 7.8                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 74.2   | 50.5             | 66.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 9.7    | 41.2             | 19.6                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 92                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 35     | 24               | 59                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 40                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 17                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 37     | 27               | 64                            |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 10     | 6                | 16                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 20     | 17               | 37                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 7      | 4                | 11                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 2      | 9                | 11                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,201  | 1,633            | 3,900                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,061                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 25,221                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 334                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 96                            |

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## Vermillion

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 42,750 | 7,969            | 51,693                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 12,567 | 3,124            | 16,190                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 2,804  | 843              | 3,765                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 30.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 4,663                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 28,700                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 7.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,780                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 695                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,640                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,089  | 1,399            | 2,592                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,058  | 656              | 1,778                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 96                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 72                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 542    | 150              | 710                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 15.7   | 18.7             | 16.1                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.2    | 10.0             | 6.2                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 88.1   | 69.8             | 83.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 5.5    | 26.7             | 9.9                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 71                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 136    | 64               | 201                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 147                           |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 53                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 103    | 52               | 157                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 22     | 13               | 37                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 62     | 33               | 95                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 15     | 6                | 21                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 26     | 41               | 67                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 7,190  | 2,009            | 9,522                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,588                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 29,037                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,402                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 125                           |

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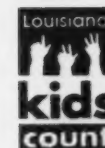
|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 38,090 | 11,591           | 51,832                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 11,500 | 4,132            | 16,282                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 3,256  | 1,374            | 4,831                         |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 23.9                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,577                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,200                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,110                         |
| Children Receiving                                                   |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 381                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 2,283                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 907    | 565              | 1,550                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,847  | 813              | 2,961                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 51                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 71                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 730    | 187              | 962                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 17.1   | 19.8             | 17.3                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 6.7    | 11.2             | 7.6                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 78.6   | 74.2             | 77.7                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 9.6    | -                | 7.3                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 84                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 70     | 62               | 137                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 88                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 42                            |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 244    | 90               | 347                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 30     | 13               | 46                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 189    | 67               | 266                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 14     | 3                | 17                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 36     | 25               | 64                            |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 7,525  | 2,289            | 10,505                        |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,405                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,089                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 1,232                         |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 305                           |

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# Washington



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 28,807 | 14,150           | 43,087                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 7,562  | 5,174            | 12,780                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,547  | 1,136            | 2,696                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 41.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 5,012                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 27,100                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.7                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 910                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 977                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 4,444                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 1,068  | 2,155            | 3,234                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 1,159  | 1,068            | 2,228                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 28                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 115                           |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 421    | 240              | 662                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 21.6   | 30.8             | 24.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.1    | 15.0             | 10.6                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 81.4   | 61.3             | 74.1                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 4.8    | 12.5             | 7.6                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 100                           |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 34     | 35               | 69                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 40                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 29                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 89     | 88               | 177                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 10     | 15               | 25                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 63     | 68               | 131                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 13     | 3                | 16                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 72     | 79               | 151                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,904  | 1,921            | 4,834                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,299                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 27,945                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 701                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 108                           |

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# Webster



|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 28,031 | 14,410           | 42,597                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 6,991  | 4,991            | 12,008                        |
| Under 5                                                              | 1,520  | 1,193            | 2,719                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 31.4                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 3,532                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 36,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 6.3                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 1,200                         |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 731                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 3,008                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 429    | 1,790            | 2,223                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 681    | 1,049            | 1,739                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 92                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 57                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 311    | 241              | 555                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 18.0   | 29.5             | 22.9                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 7.1    | 20.7             | 13.0                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.4   | 49.6             | 68.9                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 6.4    | 12.4             | 9.0                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 85                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 65     | 76               | 141                           |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 67                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 35                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 174    | 177              | 352                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 38     | 32               | 70                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 97     | 130              | 228                           |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 24     | 11               | 35                            |
| Children in foster care                                              | 48     | 91               | 139                           |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 4,668  | 3,536            | 8,250                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,648                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 31,305                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 882                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 202                           |

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## West Baton Rouge



### Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 12,389 | 8,005            | 20,468                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 3,564  | 2,831            | 6,423                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 855    | 660              | 1,520                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 25.6                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,546                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 43,600*                       |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 4.0                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 400                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FTAP (FY 1998)                                                       |        |                  | 299                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,472                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 161    | 690              | 858                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 364    | 550              | 916                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 123                           |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 15                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 185    | 158              | 344                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 14.1   | 25.3             | 19.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 5.4    | 13.3             | 9.0                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 89.1   | 66.2             | 78.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | 5.4    | 19.0             | 11.6                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 91                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 33     | 36               | 69                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 56                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 11                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *      | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *      | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *      | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *      | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,043  | 1,813            | 3,891                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 4,888                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 28,301                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 406                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 108                           |

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## West Carroll



|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population (1997)                                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 9,875 | 2,273            | 12,196                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,746 | 863              | 3,621                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 542   | 233              | 779                           |
| Poverty (1995)                                                       |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 36.2                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 1,246                         |
| Employment and Income                                                |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 24,800                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 16.3                          |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 900                           |
| Children Receiving                                                   |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 173                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 1,015                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 335   | 361              | 705                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 615   | 273              | 908                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |       |                  | 15                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 19                            |
| Maternal and Child Health (1997)                                     |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 96    | 33               | 129                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 20.8  | 18.2             | 20.2                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 8.3   | 9.1              | 8.5                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 65.6  | 37.5             | 58.6                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | -                | -                             |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 90                            |
| Children in Trouble (FY 1998)                                        |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 38    | 29               | 67                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 54                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 5                             |
| Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 11    | 3                | 14                            |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 1     | 0                | 1                             |
| Neglect                                                              | 9     | 3                | 12                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 1     | 0                | 1                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 2     | 6                | 8                             |
| Public Education (1997-98)                                           |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,058 | 578              | 2,653                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 4,368                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 26,641                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 287                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 69                            |

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## West Feliciana



### Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |       |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 6,017 | 7,188            | 13,275                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 1,376 | 1,471            | 2,858                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 290   | 366              | 659                           |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |       |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |       |                  | 27.3                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |       |                  | 736                           |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |       |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |       |                  | 27,600                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 3.2                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |       |                  | 120                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |       |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |       |                  | 133                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |       |                  | 594                           |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          |       |                  | 310                           |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 20    | 290              | 493                           |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    | 131   | 362              | 15                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |       |                  | 18                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |       |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 59    | 50               | 109                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 3.4   | 32.0             | 16.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | -     | 16.0             | 7.3                           |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 83.1  | 57.1             | 71.3                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               | -     | 40.0             | 18.3                          |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |       |                  | 95                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |       |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 29    | 37               | 66                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |       |                  | 50                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |       |                  | 16                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |       |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | *     | *                | *                             |
| Physical abuse                                                       | *     | *                | *                             |
| Neglect                                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | *     | *                | *                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | *     | *                | *                             |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |       |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 1,265 | 1,077            | 2,352                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |       |                  | 7,551                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |       |                  | 34,259                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |       |                  | 291                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |       |                  | 47                            |

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# Winn



## Children in the Parishes

|                                                                      | White  | African American | Total<br>(Includes all races) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Population (1997)</b>                                             |        |                  |                               |
| Total                                                                | 11,878 | 5,730            | 17,608                        |
| Under 20                                                             | 2,948  | 1,992            | 4,940                         |
| Under 5                                                              | 631    | 454              | 1,085                         |
| <b>Poverty (1995)</b>                                                |        |                  |                               |
| % Children under age 18 in poverty                                   |        |                  | 33.7                          |
| Number of children under age 18 in poverty                           |        |                  | 1,556                         |
| <b>Employment and Income</b>                                         |        |                  |                               |
| \$ Median family income (1998)                                       |        |                  | 30,400                        |
| % Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 5.5                           |
| # Unemployed (April 1999)                                            |        |                  | 370                           |
| <b>Children Receiving</b>                                            |        |                  |                               |
| FITAP (FY 1998)                                                      |        |                  | 376                           |
| Medicaid (March 1999)                                                |        |                  | 1,404                         |
| Food Stamps (November 1998)                                          | 298    | 721              | 1,021                         |
| WIC (1998)                                                           | 553    | 526              | 1,079                         |
| Child Care Assistance (June 1998)                                    |        |                  | 12                            |
| FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)                                      |        |                  | 12                            |
| <b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>                              |        |                  |                               |
| Live births                                                          | 133    | 98               | 231                           |
| % Births to teens                                                    | 20.3   | 32.7             | 25.5                          |
| % Low birthweight babies                                             | 3.0    | 19.4             | 10.0                          |
| % Women receiving adequate prenatal care                             | 68.7   | 41.3             | 57.4                          |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births                               |        | 10.2             | 4.3                           |
| % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)                      |        |                  | 86                            |
| <b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>                                 |        |                  |                               |
| Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development | 30     | 20               | 50                            |
| Crimes against property                                              |        |                  | 40                            |
| Crimes against persons                                               |        |                  | 10                            |
| <b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>                             |        |                  |                               |
| Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)                  | 62     | 39               | 101                           |
| Physical abuse                                                       | 16     | 6                | 22                            |
| Neglect                                                              | 43     | 32               | 75                            |
| Sexual abuse                                                         | 3      | 0                | 3                             |
| Children in foster care                                              | 7      | 14               | 21                            |
| <b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>                                    |        |                  |                               |
| Registration                                                         | 2,003  | 1,207            | 3,210                         |
| \$ Per pupil expenditure                                             |        |                  | 5,338                         |
| \$ Teacher salary (average)                                          |        |                  | 30,768                        |
| Exceptional children program                                         |        |                  | 382                           |
| Dropouts                                                             |        |                  | 60                            |

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# Child Abuse and Neglect



|                  | 1993  | 1995 | 1998  |
|------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Acadia           | 250   | 294  | 234   |
| Allen            | 176   | 122  | 140   |
| Ascension        | 102   | 95   | 113   |
| Assumption       | *     | *    | *     |
| Avoyelles        | 121   | 156  | 128   |
| Beauregard       | 219   | 147  | 196   |
| Bienville        | *     | *    | *     |
| Bossier          | 382   | 216  | 355   |
| Caddo            | 1,065 | 697  | 1,030 |
| Calcasieu        | 626   | 872  | 726   |
| Caldwell         | *     | *    | *     |
| Cameron          | *     | *    | *     |
| Catahoula        | 140   | 93   | 108   |
| Claiborne        | *     | *    | *     |
| Concordia        | 106   | 23   | 112   |
| DeSoto           | 89    | 100  | 183   |
| East Baton Rouge | 989   | 796  | 970   |
| East Carroll     | 106   | 161  | 101   |
| East Feliciana   | 59    | 82   | 114   |
| Evangeline       | 102   | 103  | 104   |
| Franklin         | 48    | 38   | 122   |
| Grant            | 60    | 106  | 75    |
| Iberia           | 188   | 217  | 436   |
| Iberville        | 84    | 107  | 124   |
| Jackson          | *     | *    | *     |
| Jefferson        | 1,183 | 801  | 1,045 |
| Jefferson Davis  | 189   | 101  | 149   |
| Lafayette        | 532   | 448  | 532   |
| Lafourche        | 451   | 319  | 172   |
| LaSalle          | *     | *    | *     |
| Lincoln          | 256   | 139  | 115   |
| Livingston       | 302   | 182  | 332   |

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|                  | 1993   | 1995   | 1998   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Madison          | 115    | 105    | 111    |
| Morehouse        | 123    | 128    | 63     |
| Natchitoches     | 371    | 276    | 174    |
| Orleans          | 2,706  | 2,301  | 1,517  |
| Ouachita         | 771    | 913    | 885    |
| Plaquemines      | 120    | 162    | 187    |
| Pointe Coupee    | 56     | 65     | 113    |
| Rapides          | 589    | 660    | 553    |
| Red River        | *      | *      | *      |
| Richland         | 84     | 41     | 29     |
| Sabine           | 126    | 87     | 103    |
| St. Bernard      | 146    | 118    | 240    |
| St. Charles      | *      | *      | *      |
| St. Helena       | *      | *      | *      |
| St. James        | *      | *      | *      |
| St. John         | 189    | 229    | 230    |
| St. Landry       | 292    | 398    | 323    |
| St. Martin       | 68     | 42     | 185    |
| St. Mary         | 158    | 172    | 286    |
| St. Tammany      | 390    | 445    | 504    |
| Tangipahoa       | 272    | 210    | 219    |
| Tensas           | *      | *      | *      |
| Terrebonne       | 482    | 171    | 141    |
| Union            | 59     | 56     | 64     |
| Vermillion       | 125    | 189    | 157    |
| Vernon           | 295    | 315    | 347    |
| Washington       | 111    | 121    | 177    |
| Webster          | 185    | 301    | 352    |
| West Baton Rouge | *      | *      | *      |
| West Carroll     | 17     | 5      | 14     |
| West Feliciana   | *      | *      | *      |
| Winn             | 19     | 73     | 101    |
| Total            | 15,705 | 14,795 | 14,791 |

Trends



Trends

|                  | 1993 | 1995 | 1998 |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Acadia           | 77   | 84   | 67   |
| Allen            | 49   | 56   | 26   |
| Ascension        | 35   | 41   | 45   |
| Assumption       | 28   | 31   | *    |
| Avoyelles        | 25   | 45   | 34   |
| Beauregard       | 27   | 25   | 44   |
| Bienville        | 19   | 20   | *    |
| Bossier          | 92   | 100  | 75   |
| Caddo            | 374  | 339  | 529  |
| Calcasieu        | 92   | 100  | 145  |
| Caldwell         | 15   | 8    | *    |
| Cameron          | 0    | 3    | *    |
| Catahoula        | 12   | 15   | 54   |
| Claiborne        | 17   | 13   | *    |
| Concordia        | 27   | 25   | 11   |
| DeSoto           | 37   | 46   | 78   |
| East Baton Rouge | 435  | 454  | 398  |
| East Carroll     | 55   | 23   | 18   |
| East Feliciana   | 16   | 14   | 37   |
| Evangeline       | 33   | 32   | 24   |
| Franklin         | 22   | 22   | 19   |
| Grant            | 27   | 17   | 11   |
| Iberia           | 45   | 53   | 101  |
| Iberville        | 60   | 59   | 49   |
| Jackson          | 4    | 9    | *    |
| Jefferson        | 377  | 456  | 493  |
| Jefferson Davis  | 32   | 26   | 25   |
| Lafayette        | 80   | 129  | 131  |
| Lafourche        | 54   | 76   | 271  |
| LaSalle          | 13   | 29   | *    |
| Lincoln          | 70   | 72   | 43   |
| Livingston       | 37   | 51   | 71   |

|                  | 1993  | 1995  | 1998  |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Madison          | 28    | 43    | 13    |
| Morehouse        | 35    | 28    | 38    |
| Natchitoches     | 64    | 73    | 67    |
| Orleans          | 1,096 | 1,288 | 970   |
| Ouachita         | 155   | 180   | 256   |
| Plaquemines      | 17    | 18    | 51    |
| Pointe Coupee    | 22    | 20    | 29    |
| Rapides          | 209   | 250   | 316   |
| Red River        | 7     | 17    | *     |
| Richland         | 23    | 19    | 18    |
| Sabine           | 22    | 34    | 37    |
| St. Bernard      | 47    | 51    | 49    |
| St. Charles      | 50    | 52    | *     |
| St. Helena       | 20    | 23    | *     |
| St. James        | 23    | 34    | *     |
| St. John         | 45    | 53    | 69    |
| St. Landry       | 141   | 127   | 120   |
| St. Martin       | 89    | 72    | 43    |
| St. Mary         | 42    | 39    | 47    |
| St. Tammany      | 181   | 207   | 323   |
| Tangipahoa       | 96    | 102   | 54    |
| Tensas           | 21    | 11    | 5     |
| Terrebonne       | 193   | 197   | 143   |
| Union            | 20    | 17    | 11    |
| Vermillion       | 38    | 40    | 67    |
| Vernon           | 61    | 97    | 64    |
| Washington       | 121   | 111   | 151   |
| Webster          | 95    | 85    | 139   |
| West Baton Rouge | 21    | 13    | *     |
| West Carroll     | 13    | 17    | 8     |
| West Feliciana   | 6     | 5     | *     |
| Winn             | 8     | 10    | 21    |
| State            | 5,537 | 5,978 | 5,911 |

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# Children Receiving AFDC and FITAP



|                  | AFDC,<br>fiscal year<br>1993 | AFDC,<br>fiscal year<br>1995 | FITAP,<br>fiscal year<br>1998 |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acadia           | 2,466                        | 2,289                        | 982                           |
| Allen            | 918                          | 658                          | 306                           |
| Ascension        | 2,415                        | 2,220                        | 1,036                         |
| Assumption       | 916                          | 851                          | 380                           |
| Avoyelles        | 2,055                        | 1,434                        | 916                           |
| Beauregard       | 760                          | 630                          | 389                           |
| Bienville        | 760                          | 717                          | 433                           |
| Bossier          | 2,096                        | 1,836                        | 956                           |
| Caddo            | 12,748                       | 10,777                       | 6,054                         |
| Calcasieu        | 4,941                        | 4,330                        | 1,069                         |
| Caldwell         | 350                          | 324                          | 198                           |
| Cameron          | 134                          | 97                           | 25                            |
| Catahoula        | 463                          | 436                          | 223                           |
| Claiborne        | 861                          | 716                          | 450                           |
| Concordia        | 1,131                        | 997                          | 683                           |
| DeSoto           | 1,389                        | 1,186                        | 710                           |
| East Baton Rouge | 15,451                       | 14,160                       | 7,992                         |
| East Carroll     | 1,295                        | 1,161                        | 782                           |
| East Feliciana   | 1,023                        | 847                          | 303                           |
| Evangeline       | 1,969                        | 1,851                        | 1,104                         |
| Franklin         | 1,109                        | 1,023                        | 544                           |
| Grant            | 542                          | 560                          | 329                           |
| Iberia           | 2,709                        | 2,679                        | 1,879                         |
| Iberville        | 1,809                        | 1,552                        | 903                           |
| Jackson          | 556                          | 477                          | 289                           |
| Jefferson        | 13,550                       | 13,308                       | 7,010                         |
| Jefferson Davis  | 853                          | 728                          | 262                           |
| Lafayette        | 4,105                        | 3,815                        | 1,636                         |
| Lafourche        | 2,779                        | 2,737                        | 1,227                         |
| LaSalle          | 251                          | 241                          | 150                           |
| Lincoln          | 1,283                        | 1,301                        | 882                           |
| Livingston       | 1,202                        | 984                          | 450                           |

|                  | AFDC,<br>fiscal year<br>1993 | AFDC,<br>fiscal year<br>1995 | FITAP,<br>fiscal year<br>1998 |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Madison          | 1,325                        | 1,068                        | 637                           |
| Morehouse        | 1,933                        | 1,463                        | 859                           |
| Natchitoches     | 1,986                        | 1,698                        | 954                           |
| Orleans          | 49,778                       | 45,777                       | 28,786                        |
| Ouachita         | 6,458                        | 6,097                        | 3,664                         |
| Plaquemines      | 1,258                        | 1,210                        | 603                           |
| Pointe Coupee    | 1,190                        | 1,069                        | 611                           |
| Rapides          | 4,292                        | 4,207                        | 2,698                         |
| Red River        | 496                          | 371                          | 254                           |
| Richland         | 1,181                        | 1,189                        | 669                           |
| Sabine           | 805                          | 651                          | 447                           |
| St. Bernard      | 1,449                        | 1,497                        | 666                           |
| St. Charles      | 1,285                        | 945                          | 540                           |
| St. Helena       | 420                          | 343                          | 190                           |
| St. James        | 1,213                        | 1,029                        | 430                           |
| St. John         | 1,838                        | 1,778                        | 621                           |
| St. Landry       | 5,237                        | 4,672                        | 3,098                         |
| St. Martin       | 1,286                        | 1,332                        | 779                           |
| St. Mary         | 2,694                        | 2,597                        | 1,121                         |
| St. Tammany      | 2,177                        | 2,016                        | 893                           |
| Tangipahoa       | 4,854                        | 4,431                        | 2,315                         |
| Tensas           | 604                          | 518                          | 257                           |
| Terrebonne       | 3,072                        | 2,812                        | 1,460                         |
| Union            | 545                          | 478                          | 235                           |
| Vermillion       | 1,692                        | 1,499                        | 695                           |
| Vernon           | 865                          | 866                          | 381                           |
| Washington       | 2,006                        | 1,906                        | 977                           |
| Webster          | 1,331                        | 1,252                        | 731                           |
| West Baton Rouge | 849                          | 762                          | 299                           |
| West Carroll     | 362                          | 358                          | 173                           |
| West Feliciana   | 356                          | 321                          | 133                           |
| Winn             | 743                          | 684                          | 376                           |
| State            | 190,469                      | 173,825                      | 97,663                        |

Trends

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# Five-Year Average Annual Rate of Low Birthweight (under 2500 grams or 5.5 pounds) per 100 Live Births



## Trends

|                  | White   |         | African American |         | Total   |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | 1989-93 | 1991-95 | 1989-93          | 1991-95 | 1989-93 | 1991-95 |
| Acadia           | 6.0     | 5.6     | 13.7             | 15.5    | 8.0     | 8.3     |
| Allen            | 6.8     | 6.7     | 10.9             | 12.9    | 7.8     | 8.2     |
| Ascension        | 6.2     | 6.7     | 13.6             | 12.6    | 8.5     | 8.4     |
| Assumption       | 6.6     | 6.1     | 13.6             | 13.3    | 9.7     | 9.3     |
| Avoyelles        | 6.3     | 7.1     | 12.5             | 12.4    | 8.7     | 9.0     |
| Beauregard       | 5.6     | 6.1     | 7.3              | 9.9     | 6.0     | 6.8     |
| Bienville        | 5.7     | 7.4     | 13.0             | 14.5    | 9.8     | 11.1    |
| Bossier          | 5.8     | 6.3     | 13.1             | 12.3    | 7.9     | 8.0     |
| Caddo            | 6.1     | 6.6     | 13.9             | 14.7    | 10.3    | 10.9    |
| Calcasieu        | 6.9     | 6.9     | 13.5             | 13.8    | 8.9     | 9.0     |
| Caldwell         | 5.4     | 4.7     | 13.3             | 16.0    | 7.0     | 7.0     |
| Cameron          | 8.4     | 9.6     | 11.9             | 10.3    | 8.6     | 9.6     |
| Catahoula        | 5.3     | 4.5     | 13.2             | 10.4    | 8.4     | 6.7     |
| Claiborne        | 4.8     | 6.8     | 10.7             | 12.8    | 8.7     | 10.6    |
| Concordia        | 5.7     | 6.5     | 14.0             | 15.2    | 9.9     | 11.0    |
| DeSoto           | 5.3     | 5.9     | 13.4             | 13.9    | 9.9     | 10.4    |
| East Baton Rouge | 5.7     | 5.9     | 14.9             | 15.0    | 10.0    | 10.2    |
| East Carroll     | 6.6     | 6.8     | 12.7             | 13.9    | 11.5    | 12.4    |
| East Feliciana   | 6.7     | 7.3     | 13.2             | 13.7    | 10.2    | 10.5    |
| Evangeline       | 7.7     | 6.5     | 14.4             | 15.7    | 10.4    | 10.1    |
| Franklin         | 6.1     | 5.5     | 13.5             | 12.8    | 9.6     | 8.9     |
| Grant            | 8.3     | 8.1     | 15.8             | 14.5    | 9.7     | 9.1     |
| Iberia           | 6.0     | 6.1     | 12.1             | 12.2    | 8.4     | 8.7     |
| Iberville        | 7.0     | 7.3     | 14.6             | 15.1    | 11.5    | 11.9    |
| Jackson          | 5.7     | 5.1     | 12.6             | 11.7    | 8.1     | 7.6     |
| Jefferson        | 6.0     | 6.2     | 13.1             | 13.0    | 8.0     | 8.1     |
| Jefferson Davis  | 5.6     | 6.0     | 10.9             | 10.9    | 6.9     | 7.2     |
| Lafayette        | 6.2     | 6.4     | 14.9             | 15.3    | 8.9     | 9.2     |
| Lafourche        | 5.9     | 6.7     | 14.9             | 13.4    | 7.8     | 8.1     |
| LaSalle          | 6.6     | 7.2     | 14.6             | 14.2    | 8.2     | 8.4     |
| Lincoln          | 5.0     | 6.3     | 13.4             | 13.3    | 9.0     | 9.9     |
| Livingston       | 7.1     | 7.2     | 17.4             | 17.4    | 8.0     | 8.0     |



|                  | White   |         | African American |         | Total   |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | 1989-93 | 1991-95 | 1989-93          | 1991-95 | 1989-93 | 1991-95 |
| Madison          | 9.1     | 7.8     | 14.5             | 14.3    | 13.1    | 12.6    |
| Morehouse        | 7.0     | 6.9     | 11.9             | 12.8    | 9.7     | 10.1    |
| Natchitoches     | 6.3     | 5.8     | 11.3             | 12.2    | 8.9     | 9.2     |
| Orleans          | 5.8     | 5.9     | 14.2             | 13.9    | 12.3    | 12.2    |
| Ouachita         | 5.5     | 5.7     | 13.4             | 13.8    | 9.1     | 9.4     |
| Plaquemines      | 5.9     | 6.0     | 11.4             | 10.4    | 7.3     | 7.2     |
| Pointe Coupee    | 4.9     | 5.2     | 13.8             | 14.6    | 9.4     | 9.9     |
| Rapides          | 6.7     | 6.5     | 14.0             | 13.2    | 9.5     | 9.1     |
| Red River        | 5.0     | 6.7     | 12.7             | 15.0    | 8.6     | 10.7    |
| Richland         | 5.8     | 6.8     | 11.5             | 13.4    | 8.7     | 10.2    |
| Sabine           | 5.6     | 6.3     | 14.0             | 12.8    | 8.0     | 8.1     |
| St. Bernard      | 6.9     | 6.7     | 16.4             | 18.0    | 7.7     | 7.8     |
| St. Charles      | 5.9     | 5.7     | 13.6             | 15.8    | 8.4     | 9.0     |
| St. Helena       | 9.0     | 10.1    | 11.1             | 12.0    | 10.1    | 11.1    |
| St. James        | 6.4     | 6.8     | 11.2             | 11.9    | 9.2     | 9.8     |
| St. John         | 4.7     | 6.2     | 12.1             | 12.3    | 8.0     | 8.9     |
| St. Landry       | 6.5     | 7.2     | 13.1             | 13.4    | 9.9     | 10.3    |
| St. Martin       | 7.3     | 7.3     | 13.4             | 13.2    | 9.9     | 9.9     |
| St. Mary         | 5.6     | 5.8     | 11.4             | 11.9    | 7.8     | 8.1     |
| St. Tammany      | 6.0     | 5.8     | 12.5             | 12.2    | 7.0     | 6.8     |
| Tangipahoa       | 6.6     | 6.9     | 15.2             | 16.4    | 10.4    | 10.9    |
| Tensas           | 5.8     | 4.2     | 14.4             | 15.4    | 11.4    | 11.1    |
| Terrebonne       | 6.9     | 7.4     | 14.1             | 12.9    | 8.7     | 8.6     |
| Union            | 7.1     | 7.3     | 12.6             | 13.8    | 9.3     | 9.7     |
| Vermillion       | 5.6     | 5.8     | 16.6             | 16.0    | 8.2     | 8.4     |
| Vernon           | 5.7     | 6.1     | 10.2             | 10.9    | 6.8     | 7.3     |
| Washington       | 6.7     | 6.6     | 11.3             | 12.7    | 8.5     | 9.0     |
| Webster          | 6.3     | 6.8     | 12.6             | 13.3    | 9.1     | 9.7     |
| West Baton Rouge | 5.8     | 4.7     | 15.0             | 13.5    | 9.8     | 8.6     |
| West Carroll     | 6.1     | 7.0     | 16.7             | 13.3    | 9.0     | 8.6     |
| West Feliciana   | 4.7     | 3.7     | 9.9              | 11.5    | 7.3     | 7.5     |
| Winn             | 5.8     | 6.5     | 10.3             | 13.0    | 7.5     | 8.9     |
| State            | 6.2     | 6.3     | 13.7             | 13.8    | 9.3     | 9.5     |

# Births to Women Under 19 Years of Age Per 100 Live Births to Women of All Ages



## Trends

|                  | White |      |      | African American |      |      | Total |      |      |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|
|                  | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 | 1993             | 1995 | 1997 | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 |
| Acadia           | 17.5  | 17.0 | 18.8 | 31.6             | 31.6 | 31.8 | 21.2  | 21.2 | 22.2 |
| Allen            | 19.1  | 21.2 | 17.9 | 29.1             | 27.5 | 31.8 | 21.7  | 22.1 | 20.7 |
| Ascension        | 10.3  | 12.7 | 10.8 | 21.7             | 23.7 | 22.0 | 13.5  | 15.7 | 13.6 |
| Assumption       | 7.8   | 10.7 | 16.8 | 23.2             | 31.0 | 33.3 | 14.9  | 19.6 | 23.2 |
| Avoyelles        | 18.5  | 15.9 | 19.2 | 26.5             | 30.1 | 29.1 | 21.6  | 20.5 | 22.7 |
| Beauregard       | 19.9  | 15.2 | 18.5 | 31.0             | 30.1 | 31.0 | 21.8  | 17.5 | 20.0 |
| Bienville        | 17.9  | 13.6 | 20.8 | 23.5             | 25.2 | 29.2 | 20.7  | 19.1 | 24.4 |
| Bossier          | 10.9  | 12.1 | 13.6 | 25.3             | 27.4 | 27.0 | 15.3  | 15.8 | 17.3 |
| Caddo            | 11.8  | 11.4 | 11.3 | 27.7             | 28.1 | 26.1 | 20.3  | 20.2 | 19.5 |
| Calcasieu        | 15.9  | 15.6 | 15.0 | 26.0             | 28.7 | 28.5 | 19.0  | 19.3 | 18.9 |
| Caldwell         | 20.8  | 18.7 | 23.4 | 27.3             | 32.1 | 16.7 | 22.0  | 21.8 | 21.7 |
| Cameron          | 13.8  | 16.2 | 24.0 | 33.3             | 0.0  | 0.0  | 15.0  | 14.9 | 22.4 |
| Catahoula        | 23.9  | 19.8 | 18.8 | 32.2             | 36.2 | 45.0 | 27.2  | 24.8 | 26.5 |
| Claiborne        | 27.4  | 14.5 | 13.9 | 26.3             | 21.8 | 26.1 | 26.7  | 18.6 | 20.1 |
| Concordia        | 18.4  | 23.2 | 18.8 | 40.6             | 43.8 | 34.3 | 30.1  | 33.0 | 26.8 |
| DeSoto           | 18.8  | 14.4 | 14.0 | 22.3             | 32.5 | 28.8 | 20.9  | 24.4 | 20.9 |
| East Baton Rouge | 7.6   | 7.0  | 7.5  | 22.2             | 23.9 | 22.7 | 14.4  | 14.8 | 15.0 |
| East Carroll     | 18.4  | 10.5 | 6.7  | 37.9             | 33.1 | 27.2 | 33.3  | 28.5 | 22.9 |
| East Feliciana   | 11.2  | 10.3 | 17.7 | 25.3             | 25.5 | 30.6 | 18.5  | 16.9 | 23.8 |
| Evangeline       | 20.9  | 20.5 | 16.8 | 28.7             | 28.8 | 34.6 | 23.9  | 23.8 | 23.1 |
| Franklin         | 21.1  | 19.8 | 17.9 | 36.4             | 31.4 | 28.2 | 28.5  | 25.1 | 22.6 |
| Grant            | 21.3  | 22.2 | 20.0 | 40.5             | 25.6 | 19.4 | 24.6  | 22.5 | 20.2 |
| Iberia           | 14.2  | 17.8 | 15.2 | 29.7             | 33.8 | 26.6 | 21.3  | 25.0 | 20.3 |
| Iberville        | 18.1  | 12.3 | 11.4 | 22.0             | 23.7 | 22.6 | 20.3  | 18.7 | 17.6 |
| Jackson          | 11.4  | 20.2 | 10.9 | 27.9             | 26.7 | 24.3 | 17.0  | 22.2 | 15.3 |
| Jefferson        | 10.0  | 11.4 | 11.5 | 25.0             | 27.3 | 23.4 | 14.4  | 15.8 | 15.1 |
| Jefferson Davis  | 13.4  | 18.2 | 19.2 | 33.3             | 34.2 | 31.1 | 17.8  | 21.8 | 21.6 |
| Lafayette        | 7.8   | 10.2 | 9.8  | 23.6             | 25.5 | 24.1 | 13.1  | 14.9 | 14.1 |
| Lafourche        | 14.1  | 15.4 | 15.1 | 27.1             | 31.5 | 27.1 | 16.8  | 18.8 | 17.5 |
| LaSalle          | 21.3  | 16.6 | 16.7 | 33.3             | 43.8 | 31.8 | 23.0  | 19.2 | 18.4 |
| Lincoln          | 12.5  | 10.0 | 12.2 | 27.5             | 26.1 | 26.8 | 19.8  | 18.0 | 19.7 |
| Livingston       | 16.6  | 16.6 | 16.4 | 30.0             | 29.0 | 20.9 | 17.7  | 17.6 | 16.7 |

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|                  | White |      |      | African American |      |      | Total |      |      |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|
|                  | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 | 1993             | 1995 | 1997 | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 |
| Madison          | 24.6  | 24.3 | 16.4 | 32.0             | 30.1 | 25.4 | 30.1  | 28.4 | 23.2 |
| Morehouse        | 20.0  | 24.5 | 18.6 | 11.1             | 36.2 | 31.8 | 32.3  | 31.0 | 27.7 |
| Natchitoches     | 15.7  | 16.9 | 14.9 | 29.5             | 31.8 | 28.1 | 23.2  | 24.5 | 21.2 |
| Orleans          | 5.8   | 4.3  | 5.1  | 27.8             | 27.0 | 24.5 | 23.3  | 22.3 | 20.4 |
| Ouachita         | 14.8  | 13.4 | 10.9 | 31.5             | 29.0 | 26.2 | 22.5  | 20.4 | 17.9 |
| Plaquemines      | 19.5  | 14.2 | 15.4 | 23.9             | 24.6 | 30.0 | 20.9  | 17.2 | 19.5 |
| Pointe Coupee    | 13.0  | 11.2 | 12.4 | 22.0             | 28.0 | 30.0 | 17.3  | 19.7 | 21.5 |
| Rapides          | 15.5  | 16.0 | 15.4 | 28.8             | 30.5 | 29.2 | 20.7  | 21.4 | 21.0 |
| Red River        | 9.7   | 14.5 | 13.4 | 23.9             | 24.2 | 27.7 | 16.5  | 18.9 | 20.1 |
| Richland         | 20.0  | 23.2 | 13.9 | 33.9             | 36.5 | 35.0 | 27.5  | 29.9 | 24.1 |
| Sabine           | 18.7  | 21.4 | 20.3 | 36.1             | 36.4 | 15.3 | 23.5  | 25.1 | 19.0 |
| St. Bernard      | 14.0  | 15.3 | 13.3 | 28.0             | 19.7 | 22.7 | 15.3  | 15.6 | 13.7 |
| St. Charles      | 9.1   | 7.1  | 10.8 | 26.3             | 26.3 | 26.1 | 14.9  | 13.4 | 15.5 |
| St. Helena       | 9.1   | 22.2 | 16.7 | 20.8             | 23.4 | 24.5 | 14.3  | 22.9 | 20.8 |
| St. James        | 10.5  | 8.8  | 3.8  | 22.5             | 25.9 | 22.2 | 17.7  | 18.6 | 14.2 |
| St. John         | 10.1  | 10.7 | 11.5 | 22.1             | 26.4 | 25.2 | 15.6  | 17.2 | 18.5 |
| St. Landry       | 16.3  | 14.3 | 15.9 | 23.2             | 25.3 | 26.1 | 19.7  | 19.7 | 21.0 |
| St. Martin       | 12.0  | 15.8 | 15.6 | 19.7             | 22.4 | 25.6 | 15.6  | 18.3 | 19.7 |
| St. Mary         | 13.8  | 19.1 | 19.2 | 24.3             | 30.0 | 26.6 | 17.7  | 22.9 | 22.1 |
| St. Tammany      | 9.7   | 9.3  | 9.9  | 25.9             | 36.4 | 27.7 | 12.2  | 13.1 | 12.4 |
| Tangipahoa       | 16.8  | 16.1 | 17.4 | 33.3             | 32.8 | 35.3 | 23.5  | 22.8 | 24.8 |
| Tensas           | 16.2  | 18.6 | 16.7 | 34.0             | 40.0 | 11.8 | 26.7  | 31.5 | 32.9 |
| Terrebonne       | 13.0  | 17.0 | 18.9 | 22.0             | 20.5 | 26.4 | 17.0  | 18.6 | 21.8 |
| Union            | 22.2  | 15.9 | 17.4 | 25.6             | 36.7 | 24.7 | 23.6  | 22.7 | 19.6 |
| Vermillion       | 15.0  | 18.2 | 16.1 | 26.0             | 23.9 | 19.3 | 17.4  | 19.2 | 16.5 |
| Vernon           | 15.7  | 16.8 | 17.3 | 14.5             | 15.0 | 19.8 | 15.5  | 16.2 | 17.5 |
| Washington       | 17.0  | 26.9 | 22.1 | 25.8             | 34.9 | 32.1 | 20.2  | 30.3 | 25.7 |
| Webster          | 14.2  | 20.2 | 18.0 | 30.0             | 26.2 | 30.7 | 21.1  | 23.0 | 23.4 |
| West Baton Rouge | 11.8  | 11.2 | 14.1 | 21.7             | 22.8 | 26.6 | 16.0  | 16.3 | 20.1 |
| West Carroll     | 15.0  | 19.5 | 20.8 | 32.6             | 25.0 | 18.2 | 19.6  | 20.9 | 20.2 |
| West Feliciana   | 9.7   | 6.0  | 3.4  | 14.3             | 28.6 | 34.0 | 11.8  | 16.3 | 17.4 |
| Winn             | 16.7  | 20.7 | 20.3 | 33.7             | 32.1 | 34.7 | 23.1  | 25.5 | 26.4 |
| State            | 176   | 12.8 | 13.3 | 13.4             | 26.7 | 27.7 | 26.0  | 18.7 | 19.1 |

# Five Year Average Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births



## Trends

|                  | White   |         | African American |         | Total   |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | 1989-93 | 1991-95 | 1989-93          | 1991-95 | 1989-93 | 1991-95 |
| Acadia           | 11.2    | 9.8     | 16.5             | 22.9    | 12.6    | 13.4    |
| Allen            | 4.7     | 5.7     | 9.3              | 14.3    | 6.4     | 8.4     |
| Ascension        | 5.0     | 5.7     | 14.8             | 13.9    | 8.0     | 8.0     |
| Assumption       | 10.1    | 11.6    | 13.7             | 13.0    | 11.7    | 12.2    |
| Avoyelles        | 7.1     | 7.0     | 9.5              | 10.7    | 8.0     | 8.4     |
| Beauregard       | 5.4     | 5.2     | 10.8             | 12.1    | 6.3     | 6.3     |
| Bienville        | 9.5     | 7.6     | 14.7             | 6.7     | 12.4    | 7.1     |
| Bossier          | 6.7     | 5.4     | 12.6             | 12.7    | 8.3     | 7.5     |
| Caddo            | 6.5     | 5.7     | 15.9             | 14.9    | 11.5    | 10.6    |
| Calcasieu        | 8.5     | 7.7     | 14.9             | 14.2    | 10.4    | 9.6     |
| Caldwell         | 14.4    | 9.5     | 7.0              | 30.5    | 12.9    | 13.6    |
| Cameron          | 8.7     | 12.9    | *                | *       | 8.1     | 12.0    |
| Catahoula        | 7.6     | *       | 9.0              | 3.3     | 8.1     | 1.3     |
| Claiborne        | *       | 2.4     | 13.2             | 12.9    | 8.7     | 9.0     |
| Concordia        | 13.0    | 10.5    | 17.1             | 16.2    | 15.1    | 13.4    |
| DeSoto           | 15.5    | 13.6    | 11.5             | 13.9    | 13.2    | 13.8    |
| East Baton Rouge | 6.0     | 5.8     | 18.1             | 17.1    | 11.6    | 11.1    |
| East Carroll     | 10.1    | 9.7     | 16.9             | 15.4    | 15.5    | 14.2    |
| East Feliciana   | 8.5     | 11.0    | 20.0             | 23.9    | 14.8    | 17.5    |
| Evangeline       | 6.8     | 5.1     | 15.7             | 15.2    | 10.3    | 9.0     |
| Franklin         | 13.4    | 9.0     | 25.2             | 27.2    | 18.9    | 17.4    |
| Grant            | 12.4    | 8.2     | 12.5             | 22.6    | 12.4    | 10.6    |
| Iberia           | 6.5     | 7.0     | 13.1             | 14.1    | 9.2     | 10.0    |
| Iberville        | 4.4     | 5.6     | 11.4             | 10.8    | 8.5     | 8.7     |
| Jackson          | 7.5     | 9.6     | 11.2             | 16.3    | 8.8     | 12.1    |
| Jefferson        | 8.0     | 6.8     | 13.3             | 14.7    | 9.2     | 8.8     |
| Jefferson Davis  | 8.4     | 5.8     | 16.9             | 19.5    | 11.0    | 9.1     |
| Lafayette        | 5.6     | 5.0     | 14.5             | 15.0    | 8.4     | 8.1     |
| Lafourche        | 6.1     | 6.0     | 18.8             | 17.3    | 8.7     | 8.3     |
| LaSalle          | 15.6    | 20.5    | 6.1              | *       | 13.8    | 17.4    |
| Lincoln          | 9.4     | 10.0    | 13.9             | 14.5    | 11.5    | 12.2    |
| Livingston       | 9.7     | 9.4     | 13.9             | 20.2    | 10.0    | 10.3    |





Trends

|                  | White   |         | African American |         | Total   |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | 1989-93 | 1991-95 | 1989-93          | 1991-95 | 1989-93 | 1991-95 |
| Madison          | 6.7     | 6.2     | 24.3             | 18.4    | 19.8    | 15.2    |
| Morehouse        | 13.6    | 13.4    | 16.3             | 19.6    | 15.1    | 16.8    |
| Natchitoches     | 6.7     | 6.2     | 16.3             | 15.0    | 8.9     | 10.9    |
| Orleans          | 8.9     | 7.2     | 10.9             | 14.5    | 14.5    | 12.8    |
| Ouachita         | 10.5    | 7.7     | 16.3             | 15.8    | 12.8    | 11.4    |
| Plaquemines      | 8.8     | 5.1     | 15.5             | 9.3     | 8.1     | 6.6     |
| Pointe Coupee    | 2.3     | 7.0     | 7.9              | 7.8     | 9.0     | 7.3     |
| Rapides          | 7.5     | 9.1     | 15.5             | 15.5    | 11.0    | 11.6    |
| Red River        | 7.5     | 7.7     | 16.7             | 19.1    | 15.9    | 13.2    |
| Richland         | 7.5     | 12.1    | 25.4             | 18.1    | 15.5    | 15.2    |
| Sabine           | 10.4    | 8.3     | 20.3             | 8.8     | 9.0     | 8.3     |
| St. Bernard      | 7.7     | 6.8     | 12.3             | 16.9    | 7.4     | 7.6     |
| St. Charles      | 6.6     | 6.0     | 15.9             | 9.8     | 7.0     | 7.2     |
| St. Helena       | 6.6     | 7.5     | 8.1              | 21.5    | 10.3    | 15.2    |
| St. James        | 3.9     | 10.7    | 15.5             | 11.1    | 10.0    | 10.9    |
| St. John         | 10.2    | 5.6     | 9.9              | 14.4    | 7.6     | 9.4     |
| St. Landry       | 2.8     | 7.1     | 14.0             | 17.6    | 12.2    | 12.4    |
| St. Martin       | 7.1     | 6.1     | 17.2             | 13.0    | 9.5     | 9.0     |
| St. Mary         | 6.7     | 6.3     | 12.8             | 16.9    | 9.8     | 10.2    |
| St. Tammany      | 6.7     | 6.2     | 12.8             | 18.0    | 8.5     | 7.8     |
| Tangipahoa       | 8.4     | 9.5     | 17.1             | 13.0    | 12.4    | 10.9    |
| Tensas           | 7.1     | 5.2     | 15.1             | 18.9    | 16.7    | 13.7    |
| Terrebonne       | 10.4    | 8.3     | 20.2             | 16.7    | 9.9     | 9.9     |
| Union            | 10.4    | 6.5     | 16.8             | 16.4    | 8.5     | 10.2    |
| Vermillion       | 8.0     | 6.1     | 11.6             | 18.9    | 9.7     | 9.0     |
| Vernon           | 6.5     | 9.9     | 22.3             | 18.0    | 9.7     | 11.4    |
| Washington       | 5.8     | 8.3     | 12.8             | 20.5    | 12.6    | 13.1    |
| Webster          | 9.1     | 4.5     | 16.7             | 13.4    | 10.4    | 8.5     |
| West Baton Rouge | 10.0    | 4.1     | 16.4             | 9.2     | 8.4     | 6.3     |
| West Carroll     | 5.6     | 13.1    | 10.5             | *       | 10.6    | 9.7     |
| West Feliciana   | 6.8     | 5.7     | 12.8             | 24.9    | 8.9     | 14.9    |
| Winn             | 8.3     | 14.4    | 4.5              | 9.4     | 6.9     | 12.5    |
| State            | 7.7     | 7.1     | 15.5             | 15.2    | 10.9    | 10.4    |

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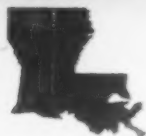
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# Adequate Prenatal Care



## Trends

|                  |      | White |      | African American |       |      |      | Total |      |
|------------------|------|-------|------|------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
|                  | 1993 | 1995  | 1997 | 1993             | 1995  | 1997 | 1993 | 1995  | 1997 |
| Acadia           | 71.9 | 58.8  | 68.5 | 48.8             | 29.7  | 34.9 | 65.7 | 50.3  | 59.6 |
| Allen            | 68.8 | 67.9  | 70.1 | 47.7             | 48.5  | 53.1 | 62.0 | 63.3  | 67.2 |
| Ascension        | 83.3 | 86.5  | 88.1 | 58.7             | 61.3  | 68.9 | 76.3 | 79.5  | 83.0 |
| Assumption       | 76.4 | 77.4  | 83.5 | 75.3             | 72.9  | 81.4 | 75.7 | 75.5  | 82.7 |
| Avoyelles        | 67.6 | 75.2  | 79.9 | 41.4             | 42.8  | 51.9 | 57.1 | 64.4  | 69.7 |
| Beauregard       | 63.1 | 65.9  | 76.9 | 33.3             | 30.6  | 39.1 | 58.5 | 60.7  | 70.8 |
| Bienville        | 75.5 | 74.3  | 81.2 | 39.5             | 48.5  | 44.1 | 57.0 | 61.5  | 64.5 |
| Bossier          | 85.8 | 86.1  | 84.2 | 58.9             | 60.3  | 55.4 | 77.2 | 79.5  | 76.3 |
| Caddo            | 84.1 | 86.2  | 85.6 | 56.4             | 57.3  | 54.2 | 69.1 | 71.0  | 67.9 |
| Calcasieu        | 81.3 | 85.0  | 86.3 | 65.6             | 67.6  | 70.9 | 76.3 | 80.0  | 81.6 |
| Caldwell         | 74.5 | 82.4  | 81.3 | 59.1             | 75.0  | 70.0 | 71.5 | 80.7  | 78.9 |
| Cameron          | 83.9 | 87.6  | 85.8 | 16.7             | 100.0 | 50.0 | 79.8 | 88.6  | 83.9 |
| Catahoula        | 82.6 | 79.2  | 80.0 | 59.3             | 63.0  | 57.5 | 73.5 | 74.3  | 73.3 |
| Claiborne        | 78.1 | 79.3  | 77.3 | 39.7             | 58.2  | 45.9 | 53.4 | 67.4  | 60.9 |
| Concordia        | 78.8 | 86.0  | 84.2 | 56.7             | 58.3  | 49.1 | 67.1 | 72.7  | 65.7 |
| DeSoto           | 80.0 | 86.5  | 77.4 | 59.7             | 55.1  | 57.4 | 68.2 | 68.8  | 68.1 |
| East Baton Rouge | 87.7 | 89.8  | 90.0 | 55.2             | 66.1  | 61.8 | 71.0 | 78.3  | 75.4 |
| East Carroll     | 87.8 | 76.3  | 70.0 | 48.5             | 50.7  | 57.7 | 57.2 | 55.9  | 60.3 |
| East Feliciana   | 78.7 | 82.3  | 84.0 | 50.0             | 46.8  | 57.5 | 63.7 | 67.7  | 70.8 |
| Evangeline       | 76.4 | 70.4  | 79.8 | 47.8             | 51.1  | 49.5 | 65.1 | 62.7  | 68.9 |
| Franklin         | 77.5 | 84.0  | 82.6 | 54.7             | 64.3  | 55.4 | 66.2 | 74.6  | 70.3 |
| Grant            | 68.5 | 78.6  | 83.3 | 35.7             | 66.7  | 53.3 | 62.0 | 77.0  | 79.5 |
| Iberia           | 76.3 | 81.2  | 74.6 | 51.2             | 50.4  | 44.0 | 64.6 | 66.9  | 61.1 |
| Iberville        | 85.8 | 91.2  | 93.9 | 54.2             | 63.8  | 65.3 | 67.9 | 75.4  | 78.1 |
| Jackson          | 55.3 | 65.9  | 68.2 | 31.3             | 39.7  | 37.1 | 47.2 | 57.8  | 57.8 |
| Jefferson        | 85.3 | 88.5  | 89.4 | 62.5             | 67.3  | 72.3 | 77.9 | 81.6  | 83.6 |
| Jefferson Davis  | 65.9 | 68.9  | 68.4 | 37.0             | 41.5  | 40.9 | 59.5 | 62.6  | 62.6 |
| Lafayette        | 85.6 | 81.4  | 86.6 | 58.1             | 53.3  | 66.4 | 76.2 | 72.5  | 80.3 |
| Lafourche        | 75.6 | 83.4  | 79.4 | 71.4             | 85.0  | 74.3 | 74.6 | 83.4  | 78.2 |
| LaSalle          | 70.0 | 70.0  | 76.9 | 51.5             | 25.0  | 27.3 | 66.8 | 65.7  | 71.1 |
| Lincoln          | 57.1 | 62.2  | 63.8 | 30.5             | 35.2  | 36.0 | 43.0 | 48.6  | 49.2 |
| Livingston       | 85.2 | 82.3  | 86.6 | 61.5             | 50.5  | 65.6 | 83.3 | 79.8  | 85.2 |



|                  | White |      |      | African American |      |      | Total |      |      |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|
|                  | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 | 1993             | 1995 | 1997 | 1993  | 1995 | 1997 |
| Madison          | 66.2  | 67.6 | 83.3 | 47.2             | 52.5 | 46.4 | 52.1  | 56.8 | 55.5 |
| Morehouse        | 57.8  | 64.5 | 64.8 | 49.8             | 38.5 | 37.7 | 53.2  | 50.0 | 49.8 |
| Natchitoches     | 72.2  | 82.3 | 81.6 | 52.8             | 65.7 | 55.1 | 61.4  | 73.7 | 68.9 |
| Orleans          | 85.3  | 86.1 | 89.3 | 60.9             | 61.1 | 71.0 | 64.0  | 65.8 | 74.7 |
| Ouachita         | 81.4  | 89.1 | 87.4 | 48.6             | 64.8 | 64.8 | 66.3  | 78.3 | 77.0 |
| Plaquemines      | 82.2  | 82.4 | 81.9 | 59.5             | 59.8 | 63.5 | 75.4  | 74.0 | 74.8 |
| Pointe Coupee    | 82.3  | 85.6 | 86.6 | 54.2             | 67.3 | 65.9 | 68.2  | 76.5 | 75.9 |
| Rapides          | 75.0  | 81.2 | 83.1 | 45.3             | 53.3 | 61.9 | 62.7  | 70.3 | 74.5 |
| Red River        | 86.1  | 85.5 | 88.1 | 55.2             | 60.9 | 40.6 | 71.2  | 74.5 | 64.7 |
| Richland         | 83.2  | 80.4 | 81.5 | 59.2             | 57.0 | 63.7 | 70.3  | 68.5 | 72.8 |
| Sabine           | 71.2  | 80.6 | 79.3 | 53.0             | 48.0 | 55.3 | 66.2  | 72.9 | 73.1 |
| St. Bernard      | 85.1  | 88.9 | 92.1 | 52.1             | 67.6 | 71.2 | 81.0  | 86.7 | 89.9 |
| St. Charles      | 84.2  | 83.8 | 87.6 | 65.7             | 72.2 | 71.6 | 78.0  | 80.0 | 82.6 |
| St. Helena       | 89.1  | 81.5 | 89.4 | 74.5             | 57.1 | 84.6 | 81.7  | 68.4 | 86.9 |
| St. James        | 75.7  | 72.4 | 73.3 | 54.6             | 60.2 | 55.6 | 63.0  | 65.5 | 63.3 |
| St. John         | 77.5  | 70.1 | 77.9 | 49.9             | 54.6 | 53.9 | 64.9  | 62.9 | 65.1 |
| St. Landry       | 66.4  | 73.8 | 76.5 | 42.8             | 49.8 | 50.8 | 54.5  | 62.0 | 63.6 |
| St. Martin       | 78.5  | 80.4 | 81.1 | 52.6             | 54.9 | 62.5 | 65.9  | 70.2 | 73.2 |
| St. Mary         | 82.7  | 83.6 | 84.3 | 64.0             | 65.3 | 63.9 | 75.1  | 76.9 | 75.7 |
| St. Tammany      | 88.1  | 90.9 | 88.5 | 65.9             | 66.8 | 69.9 | 84.5  | 87.3 | 85.8 |
| Tangipahoa       | 86.3  | 84.8 | 90.1 | 69.1             | 69.6 | 83.9 | 79.2  | 78.8 | 87.5 |
| Tensas           | 83.8  | 86.1 | 93.3 | 62.3             | 55.4 | 42.6 | 71.1  | 77.6 | 60.7 |
| Terrebonne       | 72.5  | 76.7 | 74.3 | 67.2             | 75.8 | 74.6 | 70.2  | 75.9 | 73.4 |
| Union            | 67.9  | 76.1 | 74.2 | 40.0             | 45.4 | 50.5 | 56.2  | 66.1 | 66.7 |
| Vermillion       | 76.2  | 82.1 | 88.1 | 57.6             | 58.8 | 69.8 | 71.6  | 77.1 | 83.9 |
| Vernon           | 69.4  | 76.4 | 78.6 | 65.6             | 77.1 | 74.2 | 68.6  | 76.8 | 77.7 |
| Washington       | 71.7  | 79.8 | 81.4 | 33.1             | 46.2 | 61.3 | 57.4  | 65.6 | 74.1 |
| Webster          | 83.7  | 83.3 | 83.4 | 58.2             | 60.1 | 49.6 | 72.5  | 72.6 | 68.9 |
| West Baton Rouge | 82.7  | 89.8 | 89.1 | 57.0             | 66.0 | 66.2 | 71.7  | 79.3 | 78.6 |
| West Carroll     | 63.0  | 65.8 | 65.6 | 50.0             | 60.0 | 37.5 | 59.9  | 64.4 | 58.6 |
| West Feliciana   | 84.5  | 92.0 | 83.1 | 49.2             | 56.1 | 57.1 | 68.2  | 75.8 | 71.3 |
| Winn             | 54.1  | 57.1 | 68.7 | 36.6             | 41.5 | 41.3 | 47.5  | 51.4 | 57.4 |
| State            | 80.6  | 83.1 | 84.3 | 56.7             | 60.3 | 63.3 | 70.1  | 73.5 | 75.4 |



## Trends

|                  | 1993  | 1995  | 1997  |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Acadia           | 918   | 910   | 972   |
| Allen            | 337   | 317   | 323   |
| Ascension        | 1,123 | 1,110 | 1,166 |
| Assumption       | 349   | 321   | 298   |
| Avoyelles        | 565   | 591   | 585   |
| Beauregard       | 555   | 475   | 479   |
| Bienville        | 222   | 209   | 217   |
| Bossier          | 1,347 | 1,370 | 1,382 |
| Caddo            | 3,699 | 3,581 | 3,690 |
| Calcasieu        | 2,812 | 2,637 | 2,777 |
| Caldwell         | 118   | 119   | 138   |
| Cameron          | 100   | 114   | 107   |
| Catahoula        | 151   | 153   | 136   |
| Claiborne        | 206   | 194   | 214   |
| Concordia        | 312   | 321   | 328   |
| DeSoto           | 435   | 361   | 349   |
| East Baton Rouge | 6,525 | 6,183 | 6,072 |
| East Carroll     | 225   | 186   | 144   |
| East Feliciana   | 302   | 267   | 307   |
| Evangeline       | 569   | 559   | 585   |
| Franklin         | 288   | 342   | 288   |
| Grant            | 264   | 284   | 262   |
| Iberia           | 1,258 | 1,212 | 1,225 |
| Iberville        | 567   | 459   | 444   |
| Jackson          | 200   | 189   | 209   |
| Jefferson        | 6,815 | 6,572 | 6,327 |
| Jefferson Davis  | 489   | 524   | 515   |
| Lafayette        | 2,924 | 2,819 | 2,871 |
| Lafourche        | 1,348 | 1,243 | 1,181 |
| LaSalle          | 209   | 167   | 190   |
| Lincoln          | 546   | 500   | 534   |
| Livingston       | 1,216 | 1,116 | 1,330 |

|                  | 1993   | 1995   | 1997   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Madison          | 269    | 257    | 224    |
| Morehouse        | 520    | 509    | 499    |
| Natchitoches     | 569    | 559    | 593    |
| Orleans          | 9,114  | 8,076  | 7,734  |
| Ouachita         | 2,328  | 2,176  | 2,217  |
| Plaquemines      | 402    | 402    | 425    |
| Pointe Coupee    | 371    | 325    | 331    |
| Rapides          | 1,947  | 1,862  | 1,852  |
| Red River        | 139    | 143    | 134    |
| Richland         | 327    | 314    | 324    |
| Sabine           | 294    | 283    | 331    |
| St. Bernard      | 940    | 880    | 884    |
| St. Charles      | 733    | 711    | 716    |
| St. Helena       | 105    | 118    | 101    |
| St. James        | 384    | 349    | 303    |
| St. John         | 745    | 661    | 674    |
| St. Landry       | 1,326  | 1,347  | 1,340  |
| St. Martin       | 795    | 728    | 755    |
| St. Mary         | 988    | 800    | 887    |
| St. Tammany      | 2,366  | 2,488  | 2,532  |
| Tangipahoa       | 1,612  | 1,554  | 1,652  |
| Tensas           | 90     | 108    | 85     |
| Terrebonne       | 1,740  | 1,520  | 1,701  |
| Union            | 292    | 299    | 306    |
| Vermillion       | 740    | 717    | 710    |
| Vernon           | 1,068  | 1,011  | 962    |
| Washington       | 663    | 608    | 662    |
| Webster          | 568    | 552    | 555    |
| West Baton Rouge | 374    | 337    | 344    |
| West Carroll     | 168    | 163    | 129    |
| West Feliciana   | 136    | 92     | 109    |
| Winn             | 221    | 220    | 231    |
| State            | 69,328 | 65,574 | 65,947 |



# Percent of Children in Poverty 1990 Census



|                  | White    |         | African American |         | Total    |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                  | Under 18 | Under 5 | Under 18         | Under 5 | Under 18 | Under 5 |
| Acadia           | 25.9     | 26.1    | 76.4             | 75.8    | 37.1     | 38.0    |
| Allen            | 26.1     | 23.9    | 61.3             | 69.8    | 36.0     | 36.2    |
| Ascension        | 10.1     | 11.6    | 54.3             | 51.5    | 22.0     | 23.2    |
| Assumption       | 22.1     | 16.1    | 62.9             | 66.4    | 37.5     | 34.6    |
| Avoyelles        | 31.0     | 37.3    | 73.7             | 81.8    | 45.2     | 53.5    |
| Beauregard       | 16.6     | 18.6    | 53.4             | 44.0    | 22.5     | 22.3    |
| Bienville        | 25.2     | 20.9    | 55.9             | 59.3    | 40.1     | 40.8    |
| Bossier          | 11.6     | 15.1    | 51.2             | 58.1    | 22.0     | 26.9    |
| Caddo            | 10.3     | 11.1    | 56.9             | 64.3    | 34.2     | 38.8    |
| Calcasieu        | 13.7     | 17.0    | 49.3             | 57.4    | 23.5     | 27.9    |
| Caldwell         | 29.0     | 10.9    | 62.1             | 41.4    | 36.5     | 31.7    |
| Cameron          | 14.9     | 9.4     | 52.1             | 43.6    | 16.4     | 11.0    |
| Catahoula        | 34.6     | 44.3    | 71.5             | 79.3    | 46.6     | 57.1    |
| Claiborne        | 9.2      | 11.1    | 66.2             | 76.4    | 39.1     | 47.3    |
| Concordia        | 18.2     | 15.8    | 67.4             | 69.7    | 39.5     | 37.7    |
| DeSoto           | 12.6     | 13.4    | 62.8             | 70.5    | 37.8     | 43.1    |
| East Baton Rouge | 7.5      | 9.1     | 47.6             | 52.1    | 25.0     | 28      |
| East Carroll     | 24.1     | 30.2    | 85.5             | 84.5    | 70.0     | 70.8    |
| East Feliciana   | 13.8     | 17.2    | 47.9             | 49.6    | 31.6     | 34.2    |
| Evangeline       | 25.9     | 28.8    | 69.7             | 66.8    | 39.9     | 42.7    |
| Franklin         | 25.6     | 26.7    | 71.8             | 72.9    | 44.3     | 46.6    |
| Grant            | 25.5     | 30.0    | 54.7             | 51.2    | 30.5     | 34.0    |
| Iberia           | 20.6     | 21.0    | 59.1             | 62.6    | 34.8     | 36.5    |
| Iberville        | 18.5     | 16.1    | 50.6             | 51.6    | 35.5     | 35.7    |
| Jackson          | 22.9     | 23.5    | 48.9             | 68.4    | 31.5     | 37.5    |
| Jefferson        | 11.3     | 11.6    | 46.4             | 46.7    | 20.2     | 20.5    |
| Jefferson Davis  | 23.5     | 22.2    | 62.1             | 58.4    | 32.0     | 30.6    |
| Lafayette        | 12.4     | 12.8    | 55.4             | 60.9    | 24.5     | 25.6    |
| Lafourche        | 20.1     | 19.9    | 74.6             | 74.2    | 30.2     | 30.2    |
| LaSalle          | 19.8     | 18.0    | 45.5             | 40.5    | 22.8     | 20.7    |
| Lincoln          | 10.5     | 12.4    | 52.9             | 60.8    | 28.4     | 34.5    |
| Livingston       | 14.4     | 15.1    | 58.9             | 56.4    | 17.2     | 18.2    |

Trends

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# Percent of Children in Poverty 1990 Census



## Trends

|                  | White    |         | African American |         | Total    |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                  | Under 18 | Under 5 | Under 18         | Under 5 | Under 18 | Under 5 |
| Madison          | 19.3     | 23.1    | 74.0             | 71.0    | 57.8     | 56.6    |
| Morehouse        | 17.3     | 17.7    | 66.7             | 73.6    | 43.1     | 46.4    |
| Natchitoches     | 22.6     | 23.8    | 69.2             | 70.8    | 45.2     | 47.9    |
| Orleans          | 10.3     | 9.8     | 55.3             | 60.0    | 46.2     | 48.8    |
| Ouachita         | 13.5     | 13.7    | 64.1             | 71.7    | 34.4     | 38.9    |
| Plaquemines      | 17.3     | 18.9    | 51.3             | 52.0    | 29.2     | 30.6    |
| Pointe Coupee    | 16.3     | 12.8    | 57.9             | 58.8    | 36.1     | 35.3    |
| Rapides          | 15.6     | 15.6    | 58.1             | 65.1    | 30.3     | 32.5    |
| Red River        | 21.9     | 29.8    | 67.8             | 79.4    | 43.8     | 53.9    |
| Richland         | 21.5     | 17.6    | 70.3             | 78.0    | 43.9     | 46.9    |
| Sabine           | 24.0     | 24.5    | 71.4             | 82.3    | 36.1     | 38.5    |
| St. Bernard      | 16.9     | 17.6    | 60.9             | 71.8    | 19.8     | 21.3    |
| St. Charles      | 7.9      | 6.9     | 47.5             | 50.8    | 18.9     | 19.2    |
| St. Helena       | 12.8     | 12.2    | 63.2             | 61.6    | 42.1     | 40.6    |
| St. James        | 6.9      | 6.8     | 54.0             | 59.5    | 33.0     | 36.8    |
| St. John         | 7.5      | 7.9     | 47.1             | 48.9    | 23.8     | 23.7    |
| St. Landry       | 24.5     | 27.8    | 65.8             | 70.5    | 43.8     | 48.5    |
| St. Martin       | 17.6     | 20.1    | 54.6             | 51.4    | 32.5     | 32.8    |
| St. Mary         | 18.1     | 20.9    | 55.9             | 54.1    | 34.0     | 35.4    |
| St. Tammany      | 12.3     | 11.3    | 48.9             | 48.1    | 17.0     | 16.4    |
| Tangipahoa       | 23.5     | 23.1    | 68.8             | 73.4    | 40.9     | 42.6    |
| Tensas           | 32.3     | 34.4    | 76.2             | 87.5    | 59.6     | 67.4    |
| Terrebonne       | 19.4     | 21.6    | 62.7             | 70.2    | 31.3     | 35.7    |
| Union            | 17.8     | 19.8    | 56.7             | 53.9    | 30.7     | 32.5    |
| Vermillion       | 24.9     | 25.8    | 69.1             | 66.4    | 33.1     | 35.7    |
| Vernon           | 22.7     | 23.0    | 19.1             | 21.1    | 21.9     | 23.7    |
| Washington       | 28.4     | 30.1    | 65.1             | 67.6    | 41.8     | 44.3    |
| Webster          | 18.0     | 19.1    | 56.3             | 58.9    | 32.5     | 34.9    |
| West Baton Rouge | 10.5     | 10.5    | 52.2             | 59.1    | 27.1     | 29.7    |
| West Carroll     | 23.0     | 30.7    | 81.5             | 81.5    | 35.4     | 43.6    |
| West Feliciana   | 14.1     | 11.8    | 70.6             | 76.0    | 41.1     | 45.5    |
| Winn             | 19.9     | 22.2    | 59.0             | 50.7    | 33.5     | 33.6    |
| State            | 15.4     | 16.1    | 56.5             | 60.3    | 31.4     | 33.5    |

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# Percent Female Householder Families with Children (under age 18 & under age 5) in Poverty



Trends

|                  | White   |          | African American |          | Total   |          |
|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|----------|---------|----------|
|                  | Under 5 | Under 18 | Under 5          | Under 18 | Under 5 | Under 18 |
| Acadia           | 60.0    | 57.2     | 64.8             | 88.5     | 85.5    | 75.1     |
| Allen            | 54.3    | 59.9     | 100.0            | 85.8     | 86.5    | 71.1     |
| Ascension        | 72.1    | 45.3     | 51.7             | 72.3     | 59.4    | 61.1     |
| Assumption       | 27.8    | 40.9     | 72.9             | 76.0     | 71.3    | 64.8     |
| Avoyelles        | 83.3    | 69.6     | 90.5             | 87.3     | 92.0    | 81.4     |
| Beauregard       | 49.2    | 39.9     | 70.5             | 78.0     | 63.8    | 58.2     |
| Bienville        | 51.9    | 57.2     | 77.9             | 73.7     | 73.7    | 69.6     |
| Bossier          | 41.5    | 30.6     | 67.2             | 73.1     | 63.7    | 50.4     |
| Caddo            | 37.2    | 25.7     | 75.0             | 69.7     | 74.3    | 59.0     |
| Calcasieu        | 47.0    | 40.6     | 68.7             | 69.7     | 70.6    | 55.2     |
| Caldwell         | 78.3    | 50.7     | 89.3             | 86.0     | 83.9    | 64.7     |
| Cameron          | 44.4    | 38.2     | 0.0              | 100.0    | 53.1    | 48.1     |
| Catahoula        | 100.0   | 60.0     | 73.9             | 76.1     | 86.2    | 71.1     |
| Claiborne        | 0.0     | 22.1     | 83.1             | 74.1     | 78.2    | 66.1     |
| Concordia        | 38.9    | 36.0     | 71.9             | 81.5     | 80.2    | 70.7     |
| DeSoto           | 66.7    | 34.1     | 81.5             | 76.0     | 84.7    | 68.1     |
| East Baton Rouge | 34.1    | 21.6     | 69.1             | 65.9     | 68.1    | 52.7     |
| East Carroll     | 100.0   | 76.2     | 75.8             | 91.0     | 92.3    | 89.8     |
| East Feliciana   | 100.0   | 47.3     | 48.6             | 68.6     | 79.9    | 64.0     |
| Evangeline       | 91.2    | 58.3     | 100.0            | 85.8     | 94.7    | 73.4     |
| Franklin         | 100.0   | 60.8     | 85.9             | 84.9     | 87.8    | 77.0     |
| Grant            | 90.0    | 55.9     | 52.3             | 68.8     | 70.6    | 60.4     |
| Iberia           | 45.8    | 41.4     | 61.8             | 70.5     | 68.9    | 59.8     |
| Iberville        | 78.0    | 59.1     | 87.6             | 68.7     | 81.9    | 66.3     |
| Jackson          | 92.9    | 50.8     | 75.5             | 72.7     | 84.6    | 64.4     |
| Jefferson        | 31.1    | 28.4     | 67.0             | 64.1     | 56.6    | 45.0     |
| Jefferson Davis  | 100.0   | 51.3     | 75.7             | 76.8     | 78.2    | 63.4     |
| Lafayette        | 39.9    | 31.2     | 78.6             | 76.4     | 72.2    | 55.1     |
| Lafourche        | 48.5    | 51.1     | 77.6             | 88.6     | 76.0    | 69.0     |
| LaSalle          | 28.6    | 36.7     | 66.7             | 66.4     | 70.0    | 51.3     |
| Lincoln          | 39.6    | 36.0     | 72.7             | 69.0     | 74.1    | 60.4     |
| Livingston       | 57.8    | 37.1     | 92.6             | 78.5     | 65.5    | 44.9     |

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# Percent Female Householder Families with Children (under age 18 & under age 5) in Poverty



Trends

|                  | White   |          | African American |          | Total   |          |
|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|----------|---------|----------|
|                  | Under 5 | Under 18 | Under 5          | Under 18 | Under 5 | Under 18 |
| Madison          | 27.3    | 19.0     | 81.5             | 87.3     | 81.4    | 82.0     |
| Morehouse        | 52.8    | 36.0     | 75.4             | 79.0     | 81.3    | 71.1     |
| Natchitoches     | 80.3    | 60.0     | 73.0             | 80.4     | 83.7    | 74.8     |
| Orleans          | 35.4    | 26.2     | 72.9             | 66.7     | 75.6    | 63.2     |
| Ouachita         | 25.8    | 31.4     | 77.3             | 73.7     | 75.6    | 60.0     |
| Plaquemines      | 60.7    | 45.2     | 83.3             | 73.9     | 82.1    | 64.3     |
| Pointe Coupee    | 63.2    | 55.4     | 83.1             | 79.8     | 85.4    | 75.2     |
| Rapides          | 53.9    | 39.5     | 82.0             | 73.0     | 77.4    | 60.6     |
| Red River        | 92.9    | 63.8     | 93.5             | 82.9     | 87.4    | 78.4     |
| Richland         | 0.0     | 59.9     | 89.6             | 86.6     | 84.6    | 81.0     |
| Sabine           | 61.6    | 55.6     | 100.0            | 90.0     | 78.6    | 73.5     |
| St. Bernard      | 35.7    | 36.8     | 62.5             | 81.3     | 58.5    | 43.4     |
| St. Charles      | 39.7    | 22.9     | 72.1             | 66.1     | 61.3    | 49.6     |
| St. Helena       | 0.0     | 35.6     | 83.6             | 76.0     | 77.4    | 71.5     |
| St. James        | 100.0   | 38.1     | 64.5             | 69.0     | 76.9    | 65.9     |
| St. John         | 42.9    | 23.2     | 73.2             | 74.4     | 71.7    | 59.9     |
| St. Landry       | 76.8    | 56.9     | 83.1             | 86.7     | 87.0    | 79.5     |
| St. Martin       | 43.3    | 36.9     | 58.0             | 73.2     | 65.8    | 60.5     |
| St. Mary         | 57.4    | 45.3     | 79.8             | 71.9     | 74.1    | 63.4     |
| St. Tammany      | 41.6    | 35.1     | 36.8             | 59.8     | 57.3    | 42.0     |
| Tangipahoa       | 67.0    | 50.8     | 77.1             | 77.8     | 79.9    | 68.6     |
| Tensas           | 50.0    | 55.6     | 93.5             | 83.9     | 86.6    | 81.2     |
| Terrebonne       | 56.5    | 40.5     | 68.9             | 79.5     | 77.6    | 60.7     |
| Union            | 17.1    | 39.5     | 68.8             | 74.4     | 69.4    | 61.5     |
| Vermillion       | 58.5    | 53.4     | 87.0             | 83.5     | 82.9    | 66.8     |
| Vernon           | 53.3    | 54.5     | 50.0             | 49.9     | 62.7    | 54.6     |
| Washington       | 58.4    | 50.0     | 85.9             | 82.9     | 81.0    | 70.8     |
| Webster          | 65.0    | 47.0     | 81.1             | 70.2     | 76.4    | 62.7     |
| West Baton Rouge | 59.0    | 41.4     | 50.8             | 67.6     | 68.4    | 59.0     |
| West Carroll     | 90.9    | 58.0     | 100.0            | 89.0     | 92.6    | 76.7     |
| West Feliciana   | 14.3    | 46.7     | 80.0             | 80.1     | 75.5    | 71.0     |
| Winn             | 57.1    | 45.7     | 86.2             | 86.8     | 75.6    | 72.7     |
| State            | 46.6    | 36.9     | 73.2             | 71.4     | 73.7    | 60.1     |

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## Data Notes & Sources

### POPULATION

1997 estimates of the resident population by age, race, and parish.

**Source:** United States Bureau of the Census.

### Poverty

**Poverty** The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine poverty level. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation with the Consumer Price Index. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid and food stamps). The weighted average threshold for a family of four was \$15,569 in 1995, the year on which these estimates are based.

**Source:** United States Bureau of the Census.

### EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

**Median Family Income** 1998 estimates of median family income developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Estimates are based on 1990 census data estimates updated with a combination of local Bureau of Labor Statistics data and census divisional data. Separate median family income estimates are calculated for all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Primary Metropolitan Statistics (PMSAs) and nonmetropolitan counties. An asterisk (\*) following the data in this category indicates that the MSA median, rather than individual parish median, was reported as follows:

East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Livingston, and Ascension parishes are included in the Baton Rouge MSA.

Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes are included in the Houma MSA.

St. Martin, Lafayette, Acadia and St. Landry parishes are included in the Lafayette MSA.

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, St. John and St. Charles parishes are included in the New Orleans MSA.

Caddo, Bossier, and Webster parishes are included in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA.

Calcasieu is included in the Lake Charles MSA. Ouchita is included in the Monroe MSA. Rapides is included in the Alexandria MSA.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic and Market Analysis Division, Office of Economic Affairs, 1996.

**Unemployment** Estimate of the civilian labor force 16 and over who are not employed and are actively seeking employment. Civilian labor force statistics are developed in accordance with Bureau of Labor Statistics methodology. Rates are computed from unrounded data. Data is not seasonally adjusted. The number and rate in this book reflect revised data for April 1999.

**Source:** Louisiana Department of Labor, Research and Statistics Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### CHILDREN RECEIVING

**FITAP** Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (replaced Aid to Families with

Dependent Children, or AFDC) provides cash assistance for families with children who meet specific eligibility and work requirements. The number of family members and the family's countable income determines the benefit amount. The average grant per household for this period was \$158. The figures in this book reflect the average number of children receiving FITAP benefits each month in fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998).

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Assistance Payments Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Medicaid** The Medicaid program provides medical assistance to low-income persons who are age 65 or over, blind, disabled or members of families with dependent children or qualified pregnant women or children. Pregnant women and children under the age of 6 whose income unit is less than 133% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) and children under the age of 19 whose income unit is above 100% of the FPIG but less than 133% of the FPIG and who have no creditable health insurance may be considered for Medicaid. The data included here reflects individuals under the age of 21 who were eligible for Medicaid in March 1999.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Food Stamps** The Food Stamp program is a federal public assistance program that provides food coupons that are exchanged for food. The average payment per household for this period was \$203.55. The figures in this book reflect the num-



ber of children receiving Food Stamps in November 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Food Stamp Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**WIC.** Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federal food program which provides supplemental foods, nutritional screening and nutrition counseling to eligible low income pregnant women, new or nursing mothers, and children under 5 who are at "nutritional risk." The data contained in this book include the average number of infants and children participating in the WIC program in 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Child Care Assistance** The number of children receiving child care services through the Child Care Assistance Program (children not on welfare) and the FINDWORK program (children on welfare) during the month of June 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Child Care Assistance Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

**Live Births** The total number of live births to women by race of mother, 1997.

**Percent Births to Teens** Live births to women ages 15-19 and under as a percent of all live births to women of the same race, 1997.

**Percent Low Birthweight Babies** The total number of live births under 2500 grams (5.5 pounds)

as a percent of all live births to women of the same race, 1997.

**Percent Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care** Women delivering live infants and having adequate prenatal care by race, 1997.

**Infant Mortality Rate** Number of deaths of live-born children under one year of age by race of mother, 1997. Infant mortality rates are reported as the number of deaths per 1,000 live births.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics)** Result of public clinic assessments, percent of children 24-35 months old who were up-to-date (4 diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis -DTP, 3 polio - OPV, 1 measles, mumps, rubella - MMR) at age 24 months in 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Immunization Program, New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

**Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development (OYD)** fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998). This information reflects juveniles, delinquent/FINS, in custody (secure and non-secure placement), under supervision, on Informal Adjustment Agreements, cases referred to OYD but diverted from court, and cases still pending court action. The number served represents the number of active cases 7/1/97 plus all those entering the system during fiscal year 1998. On any given day during the year there are approximately 9,100 juveniles in OYD's care. Juve-

niles whose record indicates no parish of commitment are cases referred to OYD but diverted from court or cases referred to OYD but pending court action. Juveniles whose record indicates no offense type can be Informal Adjustment Agreements (not adjudicated), cases referred to OYD but diverted from court, cases whose court data not input or net yet received, or cases referred to OYD that are pending court action.

**Crimes Against Property** The majority of crimes in this category are burglary, theft, drug offenses, public order, and status offenses. A small number of burglaries should be considered crimes against persons because a person was present at the time the crime was committed.

**Crimes Against Persons** Includes assault-battery, robbery, homicide, sex crimes, weapons offenses, and other violent and non-violent crimes against persons.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Youth Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)** The number of children who have been abused or neglected as determined by the state's office of Child Protective Services in the 1998 fiscal year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998). Parishes with an asterisk (\*) do not have parish-specific data available. Valid cases of abuse and neglect in these parishes are reflected in the figures for other parishes of the same region as follows:





| Assumption       | reflected in | Lafourche data      |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Bienville        | "            | Webster data        |
| Caldwell         | "            | Ouachita data       |
| Cameron          | "            | Calcasieu data      |
| Claiborne        | "            | Webster data        |
| Jackson          | "            | Lincoln data        |
| LaSalle          | "            | Catahoula data      |
| Red River        | "            | Natchitoches data   |
| St. Charles      | "            | St. John data       |
| St. Helena       | "            | Tangipahoa data     |
| St. James        | "            | St. John data       |
| Tensas           | "            | Madison             |
| West Baton Rouge | "            | Iberville data      |
| West Feliciana   | "            | East Feliciana data |

**Children in Foster Care** The number of children who are the responsibility of the state in out-of-home placements as reported for fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998).

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Information Management Unit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION

**Registration** The total number of public school students enrolled in grades K-12, (adjusted for audit findings) plus the total number of students enrolled in pre-K. Data are reported by districts at the student level as of October 2, via Student Information System (SIS). Note: prior years' data are based on unadjusted data for grades PK-12.

**Per pupil expenditure** Current expenditures divided by the adjusted October 1 Student Membership Count according to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) definition.

**Teacher Salary (average)** The average of actual salaries, including Professional Improvement Program (PIP) payments, reported for all full-time and part-time classroom teachers (excluding rehired retirees), who were employed during any period of the school year by the public school districts. Data are based on teacher-level data submitted by districts to the La. Dept. of Education via End-of-Year Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) report.

**Pupils being served by exceptional children program** Children identified as needing special education services including children with mental disabilities; hearing, speech and/or visual impairments; emotional/behavioral disorders, and other categories or special needs. Counts are based on student-level data submitted by districts to the Louisiana Department of Education as of December 1 for the federal individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) child count.

**Note:** the cities of Monroe and Bogalusa operate school systems independent of their respective parish systems. Figures for each city are as follows:

|                                        | Bogalusa | Monroe |
|----------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Registration white                     | 1,742    | 1,234  |
| Registration African American          | 1,610    | 9,634  |
| Registration total                     | 3,370    | 10,912 |
| Per pupil expenditures                 | 5,102    | 4,791  |
| Teacher salary (average)               | 27,864   | 31,236 |
| Dropouts                               | 106      | 410    |
| Pupils in exceptional children program | 542      | 1,041  |

All education data reported for the 1997-98 academic year.

**Source:** 149th Annual Financial and Statistical Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Research and Development, Bureau of School Accountability, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Dropouts** 1997-98 Number of students in grades 9-12 who were enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year, had not graduated from high school or completed an approved education program, and do not meet any of the following exclusive conditions: transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness or death.

**Source:** 1997-1998 Louisiana Progress Profiles State Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources.

**A word about data....** Every attempt has been made to compile the latest and most accurate figures available on child well being at the state and parish level. However, there are limitations to these figures. Some of the data, including census data on poverty and HUD median income estimates, are based on samples of the population and as such are subject to sampling variability. Data collection methods within the source agencies have changed from year to year in some cases; therefore caution should be used when comparing figures from year to year.